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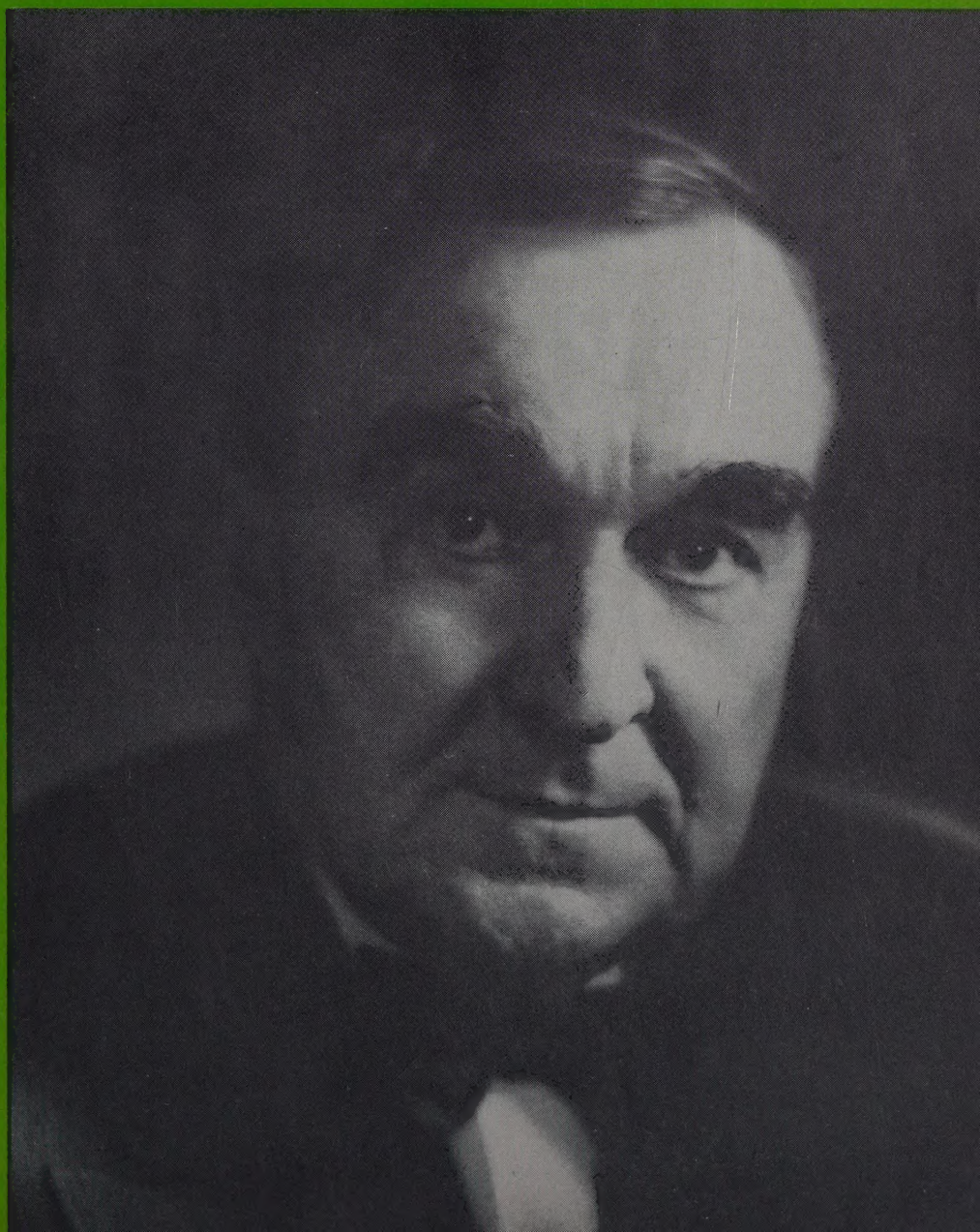
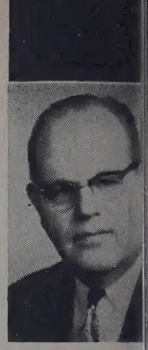


"QUEEN OF THE DARK CHAMBER"

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Harold E. Westerhoff

Recently I stood in the presence of royalty—and in these United States. Happily, on a recent visit to Paradise, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, I shared in a most remarkable prayer meeting with a score of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorers—in the home of Christiana Tsai, a shut-in for more than 31 years. Christiana Tsai has been bedfast for those 31 years, but don't talk to her about being "handicapped" or being "shut in." She hasn't the time for that kind of conversation. She is too busy serving her Lord in a most remarkable way.

Don't go to her room hoping to cheer her up. You will come away a dismal failure. But what a blessing will come from your visit. As a typical American tourist I have visited many royal edifices in many countries around the world, but never had I seen such regal splendor as one sees while visiting Christiana Tsai in that solid old farmhouse in Pennsylvania. Her illness (incurable malignant maliria of the marrow of the bone) makes it necessary for her to be away from direct, bright light. Always she must be in a dark room.

Years ago medical doctors gave her up, but "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," she will not give up—she cannot give up, for her ministry circles the globe. Her book QUEEN OF THE DARK CHAMBER is now in its fifteenth printing in the United States. It is also printed in Chinese, German, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Norwegian, Swedish, Italian—and in English Braille. Soon it will be available in Tamil. From every place there come words of praise and thanksgiving from those who have been blessed by the book. The book has been wonderfully used of God to deepen men's convictions. It is impossible to count those who testify that it was this little book that brought them face to f with Christ.

This slip of a woman, who must w in the darkened room and only min at a time, does not limit her witnes writing. Quietly, as opportunity is forded, she has been working v Chinese officers, bringing them to a realization that they cannot be lea of their people unless they are in p nership with Christ. And her witnes them is directly from the Bible, a book to many of these men. And t is happiness in the heart of this woman, a Chinese herself, when on these men accepts Him, determining go back to his own people—and her to spread the Gospel there.

It is difficult for me to say what I pected when I entered that dark ch ber, but never have I seen a darke room so radiant. Christiana Tsai, "Qu of the Dark Chamber," reigns there, Christ reigns in her heart.

Special Dates for 1963

January 27 - February 3—Christian Endeavor Week

February 2—Christian Endeavor's 82nd birthday

February 4—Deadline for entries in the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program

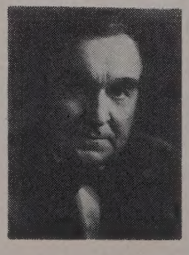
July 2-6—47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Washington, D.C.

August 1 - September 2—Fellowship Tour of the Bible lands and Southern Europe

For more information about these important events and dates for next year, contact the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

COVER CLUES

No one deserves the title "Mr. Christian Endeavor" more than Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who has invested his life and his talents in the movement for more than fifty years. The International Society honored him at a recognition dinner on October 19 in Columbus, Ohio.



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THE CITATION

TRIBUTE TO
DR. DANIEL ALFRED POLING
from
The International Society of Christian Endeavor

To our beloved Dr. Daniel Alfred Poling, distinguished leader of Christian Endeavor in this twentieth century:

We cherish this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your brilliant and devoted leadership. You have served with consecration and zeal as president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor for twenty-four years (1925-49), and of the World's Christian Endeavor Union for thirty-seven years (1927-62). In years of close association with Dr. Francis E. Clark, Founder of Christian Endeavor, you caught the vision and felt the continued challenge of the world-wide Movement "For Christ and the Church."

You carried a crushing burden of manifold duties as a pastor, editor of two magazines, syndicated columnist for many leading newspapers, wartime Chaplain, prohibition advocate and an orator in constant demand throughout the world. You found the time and energy to lead and inspire our world-wide organization by your able and creative effort.

As a man of God, you have been equipped uniquely for tremendous Christian service. Your golden voice, personal magnetism and pleasing personality, with an apparently tireless physique, energized by a keen mind and the ability to concentrate on the task at hand, directed by a consecrated soul that loves the Lord Jesus Christ have remained unabated through the years.

Only in Heaven can the complete record of these years of leadership be recorded in its entirety. The number of persons you have brought to Christ and the number of young people you have influenced to give their lives to Christ in full-time Christian service can never be counted nor recorded on earth.

Gratefully we express our thanks to God for you, Dr. Poling. You have travelled more widely and testified for Christ more frequently and in more diverse ways than any other person in Christian Endeavor. Your compensation, beyond our lasting gratitute, has been and will continue to be the commendation of your Divine Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Columbus, Ohio October 19, 1962

Harold Westerhoff
General Secretary
International Society of Christian Endeavor

Clyde W. Meadows
President
International Society of Christian Endeavor

Norman Lavender
Chairman Committee on Recognition

This is a photograph of the citation presented to Dr. Daniel A. Poling on October 19 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Recognition Dinner sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Pictures and a report of the dinner will appear in the December issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL A. POLING

Perhaps it will be well to open this little message to our CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD readers with a letter that I have just written to our beloved new president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union:

My very dear Clyde Meadows:

I have just returned from nearly two months spent in the Far West of the United States and on through the Pacific to the Far East. Among the first of my accepted assignments is this personal letter to you.

After thirty-seven years, it is a great change to be addressing a man as "President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union" but how happy I am to so address you. As I said in Australia, my personal satisfaction in placing the presidential chain across your shoulders is hardly second to that of receiving my own installation from the hands and heart of our beloved founder, Francis E. Clark.

Always, Clyde, I shall companion you with my thoughts and with my prayers and you, your life and leadership, shall never be far from me. I believe you are God's man for this high place and vast opportunity.

God bless and keep you and yours always and forever.

Sincerely,
Daniel A. Poling

I with you, all of you, and with all Christian Endeavorers over the world will hold Bishop Meadows close against the "throne of grace" as God's man for this high hour, an hour filled with opportunity as well as with responsibility. He is worthy of and will have our love and our active loyalty.

As I sorted my Sydney papers, I found these verses—the translation of the song our twenty Tongan Christian Endeavor delegates sang for us at one of the great evening sessions:

1. Thou Jesus who carest
   During the darkest days of the world
   Whose life was dictated by the Law
   A gift of the Father.
   Chorus
   Thy light, oh Lord, has shone
   In the hearts of the people
   While we live may we
   Shine like Thee (Jesus).
2. Lord Saviour, do not let darkness
   Overshadow our lives
   Let Thy Shekinah, oh Lord,
   Flood our paths.
3. Darkness in our hearts will be broken
   If we accept Thee, Lord,
   To lead us in life
   Right to Eternity.
4. We shall wait upon Thee, Lord,
   Till we ourselves become lighthouses
   So that we can spread Thy name
   As Thou would have us do.

Following Sydney, I doubled back to Fiji and flew d to Tonga, which now will be for me evermore the Arc of the Pacific. Queen Salote of Tonga, who is presiden the Tongan Christian Endeavorers, was happy to know her young people singing for us at Sydney. And among my experiences in the Queen's little kingdom the one un gettable occurred on that last evening. More than 800 deavorers gathered in the great Methodist Church. Queen is the spiritual head of 40,000 Tongan Method Fourteen choirs sang each a hymn and then the mas choirs sang *Sanctus*. I am sure that the Angel Gabriel him has never heard more glorious singing. The evening clo on one of the highest moments of all my Christian Endea experiences. Those hundreds of young people stood v their Queen and recited the Christian Endeavor pledge.

Others have written more fully of Sydney, of those ning sessions with as many as 8,000 present, the conferen the indescribably great choir, and the generous understa ing and blessed friendships formed.

From Tonga, I came back to Sydney and then went to the Far East where I visited our CHRISTIAN HERA homes and orphanages in Hong Kong and on Taiwan. was good with His traveling mercies and I flew out of British crown colony on the first high winds that prece a great typhoon that tore the great city apart. A few later, I had a similar experience when I left Taipei Alaska and home in the first torrential rains of another phoon. Again I was the guest of President Chiang Madame Chiang, whom many older Endeavorers will member as among the sponsors of the Melbourne Wo Christian Endeavor Convention in 1938.

Now, after thirty-seven years as president of the In national Society of Christian Endeavor or of the Wo Christian Endeavor Union, I close ranks with you to fol my successor into yet greater achievements "For Christ the Church."

Daniel A. Poling

One of the many presentations to Poling during the World's Convent in Sydney was this turtle, which v given to him at the official open of the convention exhibitions. Har E. Westerhoff is at the left and K. Allen, Exhibitions Convener, at right.

OVE—One of the verse-speaking choirs from local Christian Endeavor eties, which gave the Scripture lessons at the evening services. RIGHT—An ibit on the Christian Endeavor pledge at the World's Convention in Sydney.

lore Pictures from the ydney Convention and the ound-the-Pacific Tour

ese photos from the World's Christian Endeavor Convention held Sydney, Australia, August 16-21 and the Round-the-Pacific Tour plement the eight-page report in the October issue of THE RISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Two flags changing hands during the Roll Call of Nations at the closing session in Sydney.

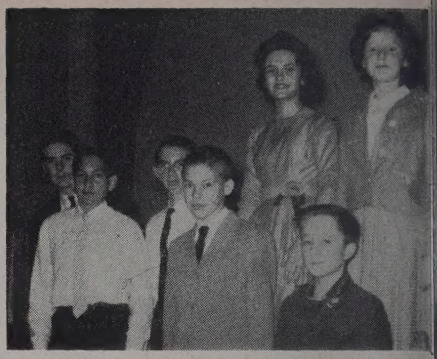
LEFT—Rev. Izumi Watanabe vigorously waves a Christian Endeavor flag at the Tokyo airport. Rev. Takashi Oku and his three children were also among Japanese Endeavorers at the airport when the tour group departed. BELOW—The tour party visits CHRISTIAN HERALD's Faith-Love Orphanage at Hong Kong.

WANTED!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES

To witness for Christ and the Church in the area of citizenship.

To participate in Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program.



Junior High Society of Westminster Pres terian Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

All Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups in local churches in the United States and Canada wanted! The majority of members of any society must be under 25 years of age.

Must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after September 1, 1962. Deadline for tries is February 4, 1963.

Each activity evaluated in one of three categories—Patriotism, Social Reform, and Community Service—on basis group participation, goals established or achieved, manner in which it implements the folder WHAT IS CHRISTI CITIZENSHIP? and Christian witness to the community.

REWARDS

First award in each of the three categories—$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for expenses of or more youth representatives to attend 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., J 2-6, 1963.

Second award in each category—$100 in cash; third award in each category—$50 in cash; award to next three r ners-up in each category—$25 in cash.

Plaques—for the top 18 winners. Honor certificates—for all other qualified entrants.

Contact Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Stre Columbus 16, Ohio, if you have information about any society interested in this opportunity.

During the months of January and February Christian Endeavor will be on display along the highways of the United States and Canada, thanks to the Outdoor Poster Program.

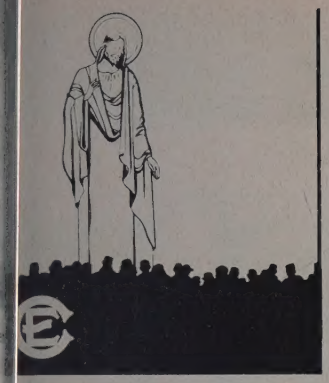
Again in 1963 outdoor poster companies will contrib space for these attractive full-color posters, which carry message *Young People—Come to Church* and *Attend Ch tian Endeavor*. The Outdoor Advertising Association America, Inc., has recognized this program as a wor public service project.

Outdoor poster chairmen are being appointed now state and provincial unions. Societies and local unions urged to work closely with these chairmen in securing sp contributions from local poster plant owners and financ gifts from Endeavorers to cover the cost of the posters.

November 15 is the deadline for placing poster orde Cost is $5.00 each. Payment must accompany all orders.

This is one of Christian Endeavor's best advertising ch nels. Millions will be reached by this highway evangeli which points to Christ and the Church and to Christ Endeavor in the church.

For complete information and guidance bulletins, wr to Phyllis I. Rike, Outdoor Poster Program Director, Int national Society of Christian Endeavor.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 1963

Theme:

"To Fill the Emptiness"

hristian Endeavorers around the ld will mark the 82nd anniversary of founding of the first Christian En- vor society on February 2.

unday, January 27, is known as De- inational Day. The theme for the ek, "To Fill the Emptiness," should ntroduced. This is a real opportunity emphasis on evangelism.

aturday, February 2, is the actual hday of the movement. Many groups hold a Birthday Banquet or party vill participate in such an event spon- d by a local or area union.

hristian Endeavor Day will be ob- ed on Sunday, February 3. This is most important event of the week- series of activities and should cli- the observance.

Venture With Christ" is the theme this day—a timely challenge in to- 's space age.

he 1963 Christian Endeavor Week ket contains many items to help with paration and planning for the observ- ance of this significant Week.

The author of this year's Christian Endeavor Week Manual is Mary Moffitt of Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Southwestern Region.

The radio program, "Our Heritage in Christian Endeavor" has been prepared by Mrs. Richard A. Cattermole of Temple, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cattermole is counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, where her husband is minister.

O. L. Doty, minister of The First Christian Church, Coquille, Oregon, is the author of the television program, which is based on the theme "To Fill the Emptiness."

Nancy Merriman of Redmond, Oregon, has prepared the suggestions for the "Noah's Ark Party." Miss Merriman is a former Recreation Superintendent of the Oregon Union.

The 1963 Packet is available from the International Society for 50c.

1963

ur the BIBLE LANDS ith hristian Endeavor

Here is the trip which many of our mbers have been demanding. Join ristian Endeavor's International Fel- ship Tour of the Bible Lands and thern Europe, August 1 through Sep- ber 2, 1963. Visit Istanbul, Cairo, rut, Baalbeck, Damascus, Amman, usalem (Jordan), the Dead Sea, Jeri- , Bethlehem, Hebron, Jerusalem (Is- l), Mount Zion, Galilee, Nazareth, erias, Capernaum, Acra, Haifa, Cae- ea, Tel Aviv, Athens, Corinth, Rome, celona, Lisbon, and Oporto, along h scores of other sites so familiar from Scriptures.

Attend a great Area II World's Christian Endeavor Conference in Oporto, Portugal. Meet Christian Endeavorers from many parts of the world.

The all-expense, personally conducted tour will leave New York International Airport by Pan-American jet on Thursday, August 1, arriving back at New York by jet from Lisbon on Monday, September 2. The price—$1,400 at present published rates.

The party is limited to fifty-five persons. A deposit of $200 will reserve a place for you on this tour which promises to be the most fascinating of a long line of outstanding Christian Endeavor International Fellowship Tours. Act now to reserve your space.

Send your reservations and requests for further information to Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

1962 WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

Worldwide Bible Reading can be an exciting venture for you into the world of the Bible, where God speaks and acts. Open and read this Book and you will hear God speaking to you.

NOVEMBER

22	Thanksgiving Day	Psalm 103:1-22
23		Psalm 24:1-10
24		Psalm 107:1-16
25	Sunday	Exodus 3:1-12
26		Joshua 1:1-9
27		I Samuel 3:1-21
28		I Samuel 16:1-13
29		Isaiah 6:1-8
30		Amos 7:10-17

DECEMBER

1		Luke 5:1-11
2	Advent Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
3		Matthew 13:44-52
4		Matthew 18:10-22
5		Matthew 20:1-16
6		Luke 10:25-37
7		Luke 12:13-31
8		Luke 15:11-32
9	Universal Bible Sunday	Mark 5:1-20
10		Luke 5:17-26
11		John 5:1-18
12		John 6:1-15
13		John 9:1-16
14		John 9:17-41
15		Mark 4:35-41
16	Sunday	Isaiah 9:2-7
17		Isaiah 42:1-9
18		Luke 1:5-23
19		Luke 1:67-80
20		John 1:1-18
21		Matthew 1:18-25
22		Luke 1:26-38
23	Sunday	Luke 1:46-56
24		Luke 2:8-20
25	Christmas Day	Matthew 2:1-12

For the last six days of the year, these passages are recommended.

26		Matthew 2:13-23
27		Matthew 5:1-16
28		Romans 12:1-21
29		Ephesians 6:10-24
30	Sunday	I Corinthians 13:1-13
31		Romans 8:35-39

Will you make Bible reading a daily practice? Ask your minister for lists, write your church headquarters or request the listing "Daily Bible Reading 1963" (U 153) from the American Bible Society, Department U, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Moving?

Be sure to send your new address to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD immediately. It costs us 10c a copy when our publication is sent to the wrong address and returned to us by the post office.

NEWS AND VIEWS

● THE CHURCH AT WORK, a radio network program heard weekly over 200 stations, has recently featured Christian Endeavor news. In addition to reports of the International Summer Assembly, advance information was given about the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney and excerpts from convention messages of Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows were used. This news program is a project of the Department of TV/Radio/Films of the American Lutheran Church and is directed by Rev. Bob R. Way. Check local listings for the time this program is heard in your area.

● ARCH J. MCQUILKIN, Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor leader, is the chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Sessions are scheduled November 1-3 at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia. Harold E. Westerhoff, Conference vice-chairman, will preside at the Friday afternoon youth session.

● BISHOP CLYDE W. MEADOWS, president of the International Society and the World's Union, is the author of a book entitled "Why We Choose Christ." Copies of a new edition, just off the press, are available from the Publishing Department of the International Society at $2.50 each.

● FREEDOMS FACTS is a *must* for anyone interested in the study of the menace of Communism. Published monthly by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, it is available at a subscription rate of $3.00 a year. Subscribe through the International Society in Columbus.

● JULY 2-6, 1963, are the dates for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C. All sessions will be held in the attractive Sheraton-Park Hotel, air conditioned, with its own swimming pool. Economical "package plan" rates are available to delegates. Write to International Society for complete information.

● A RECEPTION honoring Bishop and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows was held September 8 in the King Street United Brethren Church of Chambersburg. The program was planned and conducted by the Board of Christian Education of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. At the reception Bishop and Mrs. Meadows were each presented with a gift Bible. Bishop Meadows reported on his tour of the Pacific area and on the World's Convention in Sydney. Ministers of the Conference, Christian Endeavor presidents and sponsors, and county officers were present. The program closed with a fellowship hour; refreshments were served by the Adult Society of the church.

Shown at the Meadows' Reception are (left to right) Rev. Clarence Cosey, Jr., Rev. Wilber L. Sites, Jr., Rev. Paul B. Baker, Bishop Meadows, Mrs. Meadows, Rev. Earl D. Peters, and Rev. C. Ray Miller.

Jane DePriest, who was rece "Youth Minister of-the-Month" at Christian Church in Dufur, Ore has been president of the Mt. H Union for the past two years. was valedictorian of her high sc class and co-editor of the sc annual. Dennis Tidwell, youth min in August, was chosen outstanc football player of the year when graduated in 1961. Dennis is a so omore at Northwest Christian Col in Eugene and is also taking s work at the University of Ore where Jane is a freshman this

● A UNIQUE "YOUTH MINISTER OF-T MONTH" program has proved effectiv the First Christian Church in Du Oregon. Harry V. Atkins, minister, ports that each month a youth is selec for this special honor. During the mo the youth assists the minister in m ways, including participation in the S day worship services. Mr. Atkins rep that this program is effective, not much for the quantity of activity it created, but for the spirit and inte aroused among the young people and whole church.

Church Activity Committees: Why copy this good idea? It is especially r ommended for the small town or r church.

● KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK will observed November 18-24 by many co munities in the United States. This i project of the All-American Confere to Combat Communism. Specific sugg tions for a week-long observance available from the International Socie This program is an excellent project societies desiring to compete in Christ Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awa Program.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

By Mary Lou Funk and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

BOUT OFFICERS

So you've been elected as an officer of your Christian leavor society. Congratulations!

There are undoubtedly some good reasons why you were sen. And now that you are one of the leaders of your istian Endeavor group, it's doubly important that you

- trust the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour and Lord
- understand the purpose, organization, and program of Christian Endeavor
- faithfully take your part in all meetings and activities of your society *"unless hindered by conscientious reasons; and in them all . . . seek the Saviour's guidance"*
- qualify for your office
- perform your responsibilities faithfully and well
- get along well with others

Now read on, noting carefully the section that's especially ut you. Find out what the other officers and committee nbers are to do—then you'll understand better how all work together to make your society succeed.

Return again and again to the duties which pertain to r office—for these are not optional. They're essential! w *and do* them, and your society will be glad they ted you!

SIDENT

reside at business meetings of your society and Executive Comee meetings and planning conferences.

lan the order of business before the meeting begins.

now something about parliamentary procedure.

ogether with your counselor and other officers, appoint comee chairmen and members. Keep in mind the interests and ities of each person in your society.

ncourage all members in understanding and carrying out their onsibilities. Commend all who deserve recognition.

lave general supervision of all the activities of your society, ing certain that each officer and committee is on the job. But se don't assert your authority just to show that you're presit, and don't do what others should and can do.

actfully suggest ideas and always welcome the ideas and reacs of others.

requently confer with your counselor and pastor.

eep in touch with your local and state unions, and inform r society about union and International Christian Endeavor its.

E-PRESIDENT

erve as the president's right-hand man. *(Note carefully the ident's duties and assist him in carrying them out.)*

ake the president's place when he is absent or upon his uest.

ecome familiar with proper parliamentary procedure.

erve as chairman of one of the committees, or supervise the k of some of the committees while the president supervises ers.

RETARY

eep an accurate and up-to-date roll of your society's member-, including the name, address, telephone number, year in ool, and membership classification *(active or associate)*.

ither you or the secretary of the Lookout Committee should p a record of the attendance of each member.

eep correct and neat minutes of all business meetings of your ety and the Executive Committee.

sist on orderly business meetings so that you can make an urate record.

- Keep a file of committee reports.
- Write down the plans decided on at the planning conferences. Mimeograph copies for each member and your counselor.
- Call the roll at consecration meetings.
- Keep on hand an up-to-date copy of your church calendar so you know what dates are open.
- Notify members of business meetings and appointment to committees.
- Be responsible for your society's correspondence, except that which committees do as part of their own work.

TREASURER

- Collect all funds—offerings, income from work projects, dues, etc.
- Keep money in a safe place (the safest place is a bank).
- Pay bills when authorized to do so by your society or Executive Committee; request receipts.
- Keep an accurate record of all money you receive and pay out.
- Help the Executive Committee or a Finance Committee to prepare an annual budget.
- Encourage all members to enroll in the Tenth Legion.

ABOUT COMMITTEES

You've been appointed to serve on one of your society's committees. Every Christian Endeavor member serving on a committee and every committee member having a definite responsibility is one of the keys to your having a dynamic and vital Christian Endeavor Society.

Each committee has a chairman appointed by the Executive Committee. The chairman is the leader of the committee and presides at committee meetings.

Each committee should select a secretary to keep a record of its plans and to make regular written reports to the Executive Committee.

Plan your committee activities months in advance. Then week by week work your plans. Remember that the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Is composed of all officers, committee chairmen, counselor, and the pastor or Christian Education director.
- Meet regularly, each month or every other month.
- Hear and discuss reports from each officer and committee on activities in past weeks and plans for coming weeks.
- Make recommendations and decide on items to be presented to the entire society at its business meetings.
- Arrange and conduct planning conferences to be held at least once a year.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

- Promote the spiritual birth and growth of members through the society's weekly devotional programs and the Quiet Hour emphasis.
- Appoint program leaders at least two months in advance.
- Provide materials for the leaders a month in advance, such as THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and devotional books.
- Plan for every member to participate in the devotional programs. Keep a record of their participation.
- Consult with leaders and help them plan their programs so that there is variety in the order of the programs and in the methods of presentation.
- Insist on well-planned programs and that they begin and end on time.
- Be responsible for songbooks, Bibles.

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LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

- Look out for the faithfulness of members.
- Keep an accurate and up-to-date roll of all active, associate, and prospective members (including name, address, telephone number, year in school).
- In cooperation with the Church Activity Committee record the Sunday school and church attendance of members of your society.
- Look out for new members—in Sunday school, church, and in your community.
- Endeavor to get these prospects to become Christians and to join your Christian Endeavor society.
- Present the Christian Endeavor pledge to prospective members, and keep it before those who are already members.
- Report special activities of your society to your local newspaper, your denominational publication, and to your Christian Endeavor union publication or THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.
- Head up the Society Outdoor Poster Program.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

- Plan and present the missionary meetings.
- Promote the reading of missionary books.
- Encourage those who are called of God to do missionary service.
- Acquaint your society with your church's missionaries mission news.
- Pray for missionaries and their work; enlist your soci members to pray.
- Correspond, if possible, with a missionary.
- Promote giving to missions.
- Plan and carry out missionary projects.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Provide fun and good social times for all members and p pective members.
- Plan at least one social meeting for each month, inclu any decorations, games, refreshments, and devotions.
- Promote wholesome individual and group leisure-time rec tion among your members.
- Publicize Christian Endeavor union social events.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

- Ask your pastor and other leaders of your church what society can do to be of service.
- Plan and conduct projects to help your local church.
- Encourage members to participate in church services singing in choirs, ushering, giving special musical numbers,
- Check on needs in the community that the society may in.
- Sponsor a citizenship project to be entered in the Inte tional Society of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards gram.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

March

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Plan to have at least one representative from your society attend the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6. . . . Continue promoting membership in the International Society of Christian Endeavor and participation in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement. . . . Work with the Lookout Committee in urging 100% participation of your membership in church attendance.
- DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: The Church Activity Committee will lead the March 3 meeting. . . . A model or large picture of your church would be appropriate to have on display at the March 10 and 17 meetings. . . . Consider showing one of the Moody science films at the March 24 meeting. For catalog with complete Moody films information, write to Moody Institute of Science, 11428 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 25, California.
- LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Cooperate with the Church Activity and Executive Committees in securing 100% participation of your members in attending church services. . . .
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Visit hospitals, children's, or older people's homes. Take along leftover Sunday school papers. . . . Present this month's missionary on a special "missionary broadcast" during one of the first two meetings.
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a hobby night with each member showing and telling something of one of his hobbies. Conclude with devotions and light refreshments.
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Your committee will be responsible for the March 3 meeting. In addition to a large motto "For Christ and the Church," have on display a model or large picture of your church. This would also be an appropriate time to report what your society has done for your church this year and to suggest activities for the next few months. . . . Plan to have your members and your counselor sit together at one or more church services this month.

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPL

March

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Start a study of the *Christian Endeavor Essentials* and invite nearby societies attend. Compile dates for county, state or provincial, International conventions. Plan to have representatives the 47th International Convention in Washington, D July 2-6.
- DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Stress the importance Bible study and prayer in the weeks preceding Eas Promote the reading of devotional books in your church public library. Aim for special effects in your meeti through tape recordings, colored lighting, visual aids, Is your Christian Endeavor wall pledge in good conditi
- LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Give out or mail copies "What Is the Christian Endeavor Pledge?" from the In national Society in preparation for your April consecrat meeting. Publicize your class in Christan Endeavor Ess tials or other special events; follow through with phone home calls. Is your list of members and addresses up-date?
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Strive to win others Christ during the weeks before Easter. Pray for missionar at your weekly meetings and the church's weekly pra meeting. If the church has none, what can you do to h start one?
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: If you have a St. Patrick's pa call it "Shamrock Shenanigans." As early in the spring possible, plan a hike or picnic. You might be able to h one of your regular devotional meetings outside afterwa
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Help with p Easter promotion activities, clerical work, mailing and pu licity, or housecleaning. Perhaps you could deliver to sh ins some letters to be folded, slides to be sorted, or clippi to be filed.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Have Bible—Will Travel

ible People Who Traveled with God

Genesis 12:1-9

Aims

o make Bible study interesting and mative.

o develop an appreciation for the as a resource of guiding principles ssary and helpful for life.

o present an opportunity for dis- ring the proper sequence of Biblical ts.

o present an opportunity for dis- ring the associated geographical ion with the Biblical event.

o develop a knowledge and use of ools necessary for Bible study.

o develop an understanding of the lights of Old Testament historical ts and personalities.

me of these aims will be primary, s secondary depending upon the od of development which you use. are only suggestive. With the help ur counselor you may consider other hy aims which can be achieved by of this topic discussion.

nseling The Counselor

consultation with the topic discussion r, determine which suggested method evelopment will be most suitable for group. Be careful not to allow the of presentation to be the primary moti- g force in your choice.

ter the selection has been made, de- ine the materials which will be neces- in order to develop the topic.

me basic resource materials will be ssary whichever method is chosen. s, commentaries, concordances, a Bible and maps of the Holy Land are ab- ely essential.

is advisable to prepare assignment s prior to the meeting. Give out the or names of the personalities to be tigated at least a week before the meet- In addition ask for such information he approximate date of the person's ential years, his contemporaries, im- nt historical facts, personality traits, enemy nations.

will be advisable to prepare a rough h of the time line first, in order that the young people will have some understanding of their project. The goal in view creates a greater desire to work.

Publicity Ideas

1. From old Sunday school papers or from pictures found in a pictorial Bible book, trace silhouettes of Biblical personalities. Transfer these silhouettes on black paper and cut out. Then place the black silhouette on a map of Palestine in a staggered arrangement. With the necessary information added, this poster can be transformed into an attention getting invitation to the meeting.

2. Upon an appropriately situated bulletin board staple airline, train, and bus schedules. Place in front of this display a world globe. In addition provide suitable tracts which can be taken by any interested person. At some point in this display give the information pertinent to the meeting you wish to publicize.

3. Display two inflated balloons upon which you have outlined the various continents with a felt tipped marking pen. Pictures of Biblical personalities can be cut from old Sunday school material and pasted on heavy cardboard. Display these standing figures on the same table top as the two simulated world globes. Add your invitation.

4. Create an invitation which has the appearance of a ticket. On the one side you could write; *A Reservation has been made for* _____. On the opposite side write, *Departing Time,* and, *Point of Departure* which can be completed with the appropriate information concerning your meeting time and place.

Use your own imagination to adjust these suggestions to your situation.

Devotions

The devotions may be shorter than usual allowing a sufficient amount of time to fully develop the topic discussion.

Use any one of the publicity ideas for your worship center as you think about people who traveled with God.

Consider the advisability of scheduling the devotional period as a conclusion to your meeting. Then the prayer, Scripture lesson, and other parts of the devotional period will have a deeper significance.

Topic Discussion

Carefully review the various ideas which are presented. In consultation with your Counselor decide upon a method of topic discussion which will be most suitable for your group.

Methods of Development

1. A Time Line of Biblical Personalities.

This method of topic development is particularly valuable for two reasons. First, the process of developing this idea becomes a learning experience. Secondly, the completed project is an excellent addition to the teaching tools in the Christian Education Department of your church.

How To Begin: Secure a roll of white paper about 18 inches in width. White shelving paper will serve the purpose satisfactorily. Using poster paint or a felt tip marking pen, draw a line through the center of the paper which runs parallel with the long edge of the paper. Use a short stroke and bisect the line at right angles at the point which you wish to designate 2000 B.C. or 722 B.C., etc.

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Place several yards of this paper in a continuous line around the walls of your meeting room at eye level. The amount needed will depend upon the amount of material you wish to include in the Time Line.

If this is your first experience in making a Time Line it might be advisable to first make a rough sketch so that when you begin to work you will be better prepared to give directions.

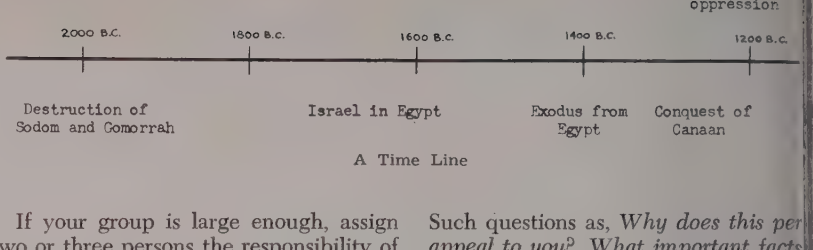
The use of different colored marking pens or poster paint will not only add beauty to your Time Line but clarity as well. Use one color for the names, another for the dates, another for outstanding facts, and another for the book of the Bible.

How To Proceed: Explain to the group the purpose of this topic development. (see The Aim of The Topic). Then explain the following procedure which you will follow.

Assign to the members of the group two or three Biblical personalities for investigation. Or, divide the group into small discovery groups and assign to these smaller units various Biblical personalities. If you prepared assignment sheets they should be given at this time.

During the period of time allotted to them, they will be responsible for discovering various facts about the persons assigned to them. The approximate date, character, related historical events, contemporaries, historical facts of related nations, and pictures from old Sunday school material will constitute the facts to be discovered and material found.

It will be necessary to provide as many resource books as possible. The Bible of course should be used, but with the aid of these other tools already mentioned.



A Time Line

If your group is large enough, assign two or three persons the responsibility of setting up the Time Line. (Refer to explanation above in *How To Begin.*) If all the young people are needed in the discovery groups, this should be prepared before the beginning of the meeting.

After the Time Line is set up and all of the information is collected in the discovery groups, call the entire group together to report their findings and to transcribe these findings onto the Time Line.

If possible reports should be typed first and then placed on the Time Line as this will allow more space for pertinent information. Space should be allotted for pictures of the Biblical personalities and related events.

How To Conclude: After the presentation is completed you may want to allow for some time during which the young people would feel free to ask questions and share additional information.

Using the Time Line as a guide, ask for volunteers to give a quick historical synopsis of Jewish History.

2. A Tape Recording

Make use of a tape recorder by interviewing men and women in your church about their favorite Biblical personality. Such questions as, *Why does this per appeal to you? What important facts you remember about him? What do learn from his experiences?*, would good leading questions to use for interview. These interviews could t be played at the beginning of the t discussion and used as a basis for ela rating upon the personalities discuss for presenting further information, for correcting any misunderstandings pressed during the interview.

The adults in your church will v come the opportunity to express th selves and the young people will attracted to the idea of interview them.

Try it—have fun!

3. A Quiz

Quizzes always appeal to Junior hig The group could be divided into teams. Then a list of prepared cl about Biblical personalities could be r one at a time giving opportunity for e team to name the man. As the num of clues increases the number of po received should decrease.

Weaknesses in certain areas of Bibl knowledge may be noted which co be used as a basis for further investi tion, discussion, and study. This tr ment should prove to be both fun fruitful.

Correlated Projects

Appoint the devotional committee to add pertinent information to the Time Line from time to time. Perhaps pictures or other interesting facts will be discovered in Sunday school, Worship or Christian Endeavor which will make the Time Line Chart more valuable in the months ahead.

Train some young person from the group to explain the Time Line to the students in the Sunday school.

Appoint a committee to write a play about one of the Biblical personalities studied. The whole society could then help produce the play, make the props, prepare the musical background, and care for the staging. (*You might wish to make puppets in order to dramatize the play written by the committee.*)

A special group of society members might be interested in using some newer art forms to portray Biblical personalities. Encourage the young people to express their understanding of the lives of Bible people in one of the new art forms.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 26 A Traveling Servant Genesis 24:1
T. Nov. 27 A Journey into Slavery Genesis 37:2
W. Nov. 28 A Lighted Journey Exodus 13:
T. Nov. 29 A Safe Crossing Exodus 14:1
F. Nov. 30 Guided Travelers Matthew 2:
S. Dec. 1 A Stormy Journey Acts 27:1
Sun. Dec. 2—Topic: Bible People Who Trav with God Genesis 12

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., mi ter of Saint John's Evangelical Congregatio Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania

YEAR-END PROJECT

Turn at once to the December 30 topic for project suggestions. Early preparation is important for a good topic on the last Sunday of the year. Don't miss this opportunity!

Topic 2 in a Unit: Have Bible—Will Travel

The Bible, My Strength for Daily Travel

Psalm 119:97-105,129,130,135

(Universal Bible Sunday)

nning by Leader
l Counselor

nce this is Universal Bible Sunday s could be made to arrange for a lay of various types of Bibles that used today. Why not see who could g the oldest Bible to the Christian eavor meeting? A little review of the ous languages in which the Bible has written or is spoken could be pre- ed. These plans should be arranged ast two weeks before the meeting.

licity for the Meeting

OSTERS: Pictures of various trans- ns of God's Word should be painted asted on the Church bulletin boards.

VITATIONS: Be sure that every ber and prospective member re- es a special invitation. This can be e in the form of a Bible or a traffic t. Mail these a week ahead of the ting.

gram Suggestions

prayer Service
ning Singing:
the Service of the King
lessed Assurance
he Beautiful Garden of Prayer
ral sentence Prayers
stian Endeavor Pledge
n: *Only a Touch of Thy Hand*
ring and Announcements
ence Completion: *Complete the fol- ng sentence in twenty-five words or My favorite Bible verse is..... because .....*
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et's take a Bible trip. As we travel, remember that there will be some s which we must be careful to ob- e. If we follow the map as laid out in Bible, we will not get lost. Along with large map that is laid out in the Bible we can also use modern road signs that will help us remain on the right road and enjoy a wonderful trip. *(It would add interest to the meeting if you had reproductions of the signs to be mentioned. You could appoint a separate person to hold each sign.)*

STOP: This is one sign that we find written throughout the pages of the Bible. If we run this traffic sign we will have to experience the consequences which could mean an arrest. We are told in Exodus 20:8 to remember the Sabbath day. If we can't stop to take time to remember the Lord's day then we will find it very difficult to follow the rest of the road that the Bible reveals to us.

CAUTION: This is the traffic sign that continually warns us that we should proceed carefully as we travel, always remembering that there is danger ahead. How does the Bible supply strength and relate to this sign? Matthew 7:14, (read this verse) shows us that if we are not cautious we can be led astray.

A young man who was seeking to choose a vocation for his life work felt the Lord's call while reading a tract. He met Robert Moffat, who was laboring in Africa, and decided to go to Africa as a medical missionary. He remained there until the Lord called him home. His heart was buried in Africa, the soil he loved. When the sign of caution in choosing a life's work came to Livingstone he obeyed the sign and from the Bible he found the road God wanted him to walk.

GO: This is a sign that everyone likes to see for it gives the privilege of moving forward on life's highway. This is a sign that we find particularly in the New Testament. Mark 16:15 is one such place (read this verse). Paul, the great missionary, had to discover this traffic sign. It wasn't until he obeyed it that he found perfect peace. The road he was traveling before he came to this sign was hot and dusty. He was tormented with trying to live according to the law. He did his best to tell himself that what he was doing was right. After he found peace, nothing could stop him from telling everyone the good news. He was stoned and left for dead at Lystra, but before the very eyes of his followers, he got up and walked several miles to preach the gospel. Can't you feel the *Go* in Paul's new life? When we find this new life with Christ our road will become a road of challenge and adventure.

ONE-WAY STREET: This is a sign that needs our very special attention. When we head the wrong way we are bound to have a wreck. This may cause spiritual death or broken unhappy lives. If we obey this sign, we will realize that there is only one way as John 14:6 tells us (read this verse). Jesus will never lead us the wrong way. His way is the way to life and peace. It is the way—the only way that we must help others to find.

DETOUR: This is a road sign that is helpful to travelers for it warns them of changes ahead. If we observe this sign we will be able to overcome the pitfalls and dangers that are all around. The Bible helps us with this sign. Proverbs 1:10 instructs us to detour from the temptations along life's highway (read this verse). It is a sign that we need to remember as we choose friends. A so-called friend can cause us to sin.

A young man grew tired of hearing the prayers of his mother so he decided to leave home never to return. As he left his mother said, "Son, when you come to your greatest hour of need, remember your mother's God." R. A. Torrey was this young man who tried to detour from his mother's prayers. One night in a hotel room he was preparing to shoot himself. He placed the revolver to his head and just before he pulled the trigger, his mother's words flashed through his mind. He put down the revolver and turned to God. Into his life and soul came that sweet assurance of victory and salvation. God called him and he heeded the call to the right detour and a life of service.

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Closing Meditation

One day while a man was driving down the street, he saw a crowd gathered around a manhole. They were reaching down into the hole trying to recover something. Being curious the driver drove up alongside the man who seemed to be the most anxious about the lost article. They fished a long time with a pole, but accomplished nothing. The man was extremely anxious to recover a set of keys, for one was a safety deposit box key. Finally, a man volunteered to go down into the manhole. They lowered him down head first. He plunged his bare arm into the slimy muck. It took him some time to find the keys, but finally he exclaimed, "I've got them!" They pulled him up and he was radiant over his success.

The Bible tells us that God was so very much concerned with his lost creation that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the slimy muck of life. He was sent to find the lost and to save them. As Jesus was hanging from the cross He did this very thing. He cried out, *"It is finished,"* and with this cry we can also hear Him say, *"I've got them."*

As Christian Endeavorers we have pledged ourselves to bring others to Christ. We must reach those who are outside the church and lost. It would be very difficult to do this unless we know what God's Word says.

Questions for Discussion

1. How can the Bible written so many years ago help to answer the problems that teenagers face today?

2. How did Jesus receive strength to face His important task? *(see Matthew 4)*

3. Can you quote from memory Bible verses that have the word strength in them? *(the leader might come prepared with a list of such verses).*

Bible Helps for Daily Life

(The following material should be made available to each member of the society. It should be written on the blackboard or mimeographed for distribution.)

When—

—you have failed, read Psalm 27,61

—courage and strength are needed, read Joshua 1; Ephesians 6:10-20

—discouraged, read Psalms 42,43,130

—family problems arise, read John 15:9-17; Ephesians 6:1-10

—you have done something wrong, read Psalms 51, Romans 5:18; 7:19-25

—seeking God's will, read Micah 6:6-8

—choosing a life work, read Matthew 25:14-30; James 1:17-2:26

—starting out for a good time, read Philippians 4:8-13; Proverbs 17:22; Matthew 15:1-20

—tempted, read James 1:2-6; 12-14, Psalms 139; Matthew 4

—sickness comes, read Psalms 91

Resource Material

There is a wealth of material available for use on Universal Bible Sunday. Such material may be secured from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, and your own church publishing house. Materials that you wish to use for this topic should be ordered at least three weeks before to insure proper delivery.

Alternate Meeting

Junior Highs will come to appreciate and read the Bible more if they know some of the history behind its formation. There are films and filmstrips available at most religious book stores that tell of the dedicated individuals who under God have made the Bible possible. Your pastor would be happy to share with the society the story of the beginnings of the Bible. You might make this a parent's night, inviting the parents of members to attend.

Bible Sword Search

Prepare in advance miniature swords out of construction paper. Make them large enough to write on. Have each one write on one side of the sword the name of the battle listed below. On the other side write the reference which goes with it.

Satan tries to defeat us as Christians in many ways. However, the Bible is full of the necessary equipment to fight these battles as they come. Too many Christians think that all that is necessary to defeat Satan is to have the Bible handy and to know that there are promises in it that will get rid of him.

On the blackboard (or however you plan to do it) are listed 10 battles that are common to every Christian. Along with these battles is listed a reference. There are many more battles and references which could be listed. After you have looked up a reference and one person has read the important verse or verses you will each record it on the swords that were passed out to you. These can be kept in your Bibles at home or placed on a string and kept where you can use them when Satan tries to defeat you in a particular bat

1. Temptation comes—I Corinthi 10:13; Matthew 4
2. You are lonely or fearful—Psalm
3. You have been hurt or insulted Corinthians 13:4-7
4. You are facing a crisis—Deu onomy 31:6-8
5. You are envious of others—L 12:13-15
6. Family problems arise—Ephesi 21:1-7
7. Death comes—Revelation 21:1-7
8. Discouraged—Psalm 121
9. You have failed—Psalm 27
10. You are frustrated—Philippians 13

Suggested Committee Projects

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE sh check on the possibility of secu daily devotional booklets for each m ber of the society. These should handed out the first of the year. Ch with your pastor for help and sug tions.

THE CHURCH ACTIVITY Committee be of help to the janitor at this tim the year when decorations are being up around the church. If your chu has a Christmas tree plan with the So Committee to make it a time of fell ship with each member of the soc helping to decorate it. Refreshm would be in order.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE mi suggest a project such as sending Bi to your church's mission station. Inst of your society having a gift excha ask each member to bring 50c for Bible project. This kind of giving sh the real meaning of Christmas.

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE should port to your local newspaper activi that the society is going to sponsor du the Christmas holidays. This is a g time to invite young people to partici in the church and society activities.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE can spearh a caroling project for shut-ins or those in the local jail. After the caro the group could gather at a memb home for refreshments and fellows

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 3 Unfailing Promises I Kings 8:5
T. Dec. 4 A Lost Book Found II Chronicles 34:1
W. Dec. 5 Abiding Strength Psalm 89:1
T. Dec. 6 Joyous Words Jeremiah 15:1
F. Dec. 7 The Word Keeps One John 17:
S. Dec. 8 The Word Continues Mark 13:3
Sun. Dec. 9—Topic: The Bible, My Strength
Daily Travel Psalm 119:97-105,129,130

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy, pasto the Oakdell United Brethren in Christ Churc Dayton, Ohio

Topic 3 in a Unit: Have Bible—Will Travel

The Bible, My Road Map

Matthew 6:33; 7:13,14; John 3:1-7

Aims

1. To develop a deeper appreciation of the Bible.
2. To see how the Bible speaks to all situations of life.
3. To create a greater reliance upon the Bible in living everyday life.

blicity

Have a picture of the broad way lead- to destruction, and the narrow way ding to heaven. Label each part as nd in Matthew 7:13,14. Include an itation to attend the Christian En- vor meeting listing the time and place.

ggested Program

lude: *My Faith Looks up to Thee*
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ipture Lesson: Matthew 6:33; 7:13,14 nd John 3:1-7
Object Lesson on Christian Authority
mn: *O Jesus I Have Promised*
ader's Introduction
Trip with George and the Bible
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estions
tence Prayers
Word Have I Hid In My Heart
mn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
low-up
le Quiz
iet Hour Challenge
ering
sing Prayer

ader's Talk

The Bible, my Road Map—is our ic this evening. Nearly everyone likes travel. We should all be on a great rney toward Heaven. It will take all life to get there, but we have a won- ful map, our Bible, to direct us. All of points to Jesus Christ, our Saviour and ot who has made this wonderful trip sible.

All along the way we have a wonder- guide, the Holy Spirit. Other helpers lude the Church, the Sunday school, ristian Endeavor, and your pastor.

Virtues that help us along the way are e, patience, faith, hope, and obedi- ence. We must develop these to really enjoy life. There may be some detours along the way, but they will help us to develop these virtues if we are willing to take them in the right way.

We wish for all a wonderful trip with a glorious destination, heaven.

A Trip with George and the Bible

Get road maps of your state, province, or area and give one to each person present. Tell them that we are going to follow George on a trip to a Christian Endeavor convention during which he will use the Bible as his spiritual road map. Or, if you wish, make a map of your own liking, and have mimeographed copies for everyone.

For the trip start at the far southwestern corner and gradually go toward the north or northwestern corner to give the illusion of going upward toward heaven.

Below are the crossroads, cities, highways, and roadsigns to which he will come. Each person should follow on his own map using stick figures (these should be prepared by the leader before the meeting), and writing the Scriptures used. Have members read the Scriptures referred to along the way.

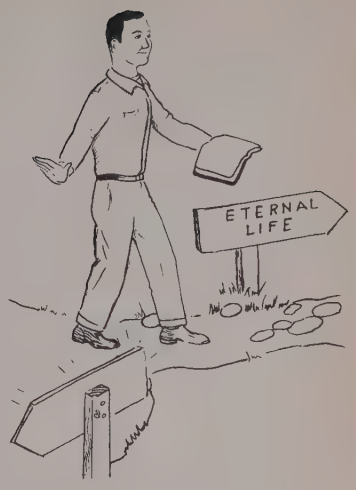
1. PREPARATIONS: George invited others to go along with him but they had various excuses. He was especially disappointed in Philip who decided to stay home to play in a football game. George packed his clothing. Look at Psalms 119:105 to see what else he took along.

2. LEAVING HOME: George recalled Proverbs 3:6, as he left home.

3. FORK IN THE ROAD: George came to a fork in the road. One road was newly paved and wide, but the other had chuck holes and was narrow. He got out his road map and decided that the smaller road would take him where he wanted to go. He made this decision because of what he found in Matthew 7:14.

4. DINNER: When he received his change the cashier gave him a five dollar bill intead of a one. What scripture guided George? See Matthew 7:12.

5. MOTEL: Here he met a young man who was very friendly to him and who invited him to join him in refreshments. The young man ordered some form of alcohol. I Corinthians 6:19 was the verse of Scripture that came to George's mind.



6. ARRIVING: Finally George arrived at the convention. He was standing with Harry his friend when somebody asked if one of them would like to give the guest speaker assistance with his brief case. What a privilege! Before George could do or say anything Harry had the brief case, and was going up the hall with it. George thought about Romans 12:10.

7. A SOLO: The next day the convention chairman asked George to give his testimony and to sing a solo. He felt a bit timid and not good enough for such a group. Then he thought of Psalms 100: 2.

8. GOING HOME: George's thoughts were on the inspiration of the convention. Everything was fine until he forgot to put on his blinkers for a left-hand turn at a crossroad. The brakes began to screech. An officer arrived and the driver of the other car was shouting loudly accusing George. Just then a man from a nearby filling station came and said that George did have his blinkers on. The officer looked at George. George's face got pale but he told the officer that he had just come from a wonderful Christian Endeavor convention, and wasn't going to lie. The officer gave George a warning slip instead of a fine. George recalled Proverbs 12:17.

9. ARRIVING HOME: He finally got home and looked up the gang. He noticed that Philip was missing and in-

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quired about him. He learned that Philip had broken his shoulder in the football game. He thought of Matthew 6:24. *(You may want to expand on this trip of George's by adding other incidents and Scripture references.)*

Questions

1. List individuals in Hebrews 11. Tell how faith played a large part in their lives.

2. Which chapter is called the love chapter? Give an example of how love led to blessing in the Bible.

3. Show how the Christian Endeavor chapter (Romans 12) inspires consecration.

4. Tell of an example in your life in which the Bible was a road map.

Follow-up

Challenge the members to think of verses of Scripture when they meet various situations throughout this week. This is one way to use the Bible as a spiritual road map.

Counselor's Role

Check on your leader to make sure that he has made the necessary preparations for the meeting. Remember the road maps. Order the folder, "What Is the Quiet Hour?" from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Encourage the members of the society to use the Daily Bible Readings that appear in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD every month.

Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart

Ask your Junior High young people whether any of them has a "life verse." Explain that this means a verse in the Bible that has special meaning to them. It might be a verse which has been memorized and has helped in a time of strong temptation.

Lots of times we will find that people have several favorite verses because all are meaningful to them; therefore, it is difficult to pick one favorite. But there are times when one certain verse stands out among all the others, and comes to mind again and again. This we call a life verse. Give those present an opportunity to repeat a verse from memory that has meant something special to them, and the reason for its importance in their life.

Projects to Consider

1. Plan to have a Scripture Memory contest in your society from Christmas to Easter. Have a committee meet with your pastor to make a list of verses to memorize. Give a prize of a Christian Endeavor New Testament to the person memorizing the greatest number of verses in the given time.

2. Post on your bulletin board and announce in your society meetings a Verse of the Month for the society. Make this Bible verse live by repeating it at your meetings, discussing its meaning in the lives of young Christians, and having each society member commit it to memory.

Bible Quiz

Junior Highs always like a Bible Quiz. If possible, you might have a quiz mimeographed. Place a time limit on the answering period then exchange papers for correcting.

A Bible Relay is another kind of quiz you might use. Divide the group into two teams. The leader can either mention a Scripture reference or read the first part of a familiar verse. It is up to each team in turn to quote the reference or finish the verse.

An Object Lesson on Christian Authority

(Illustrate this by using a yardstick and a scale.)

The National Bureau of Standards is located in Washington, D.C. Much of our daily living is affected by what goes on there. Every article that is purchased in pounds or yards is measured by the standards set up by this Bureau. This is the authority for the perfect pound or perfect yard in the United States. There is a similar agency in Canada.

The Christian *Bureau of Standards* is God's Word, the Bible. By this Standard we measure our lives to see whether they are up to the standard God has set.

The world many times has standards quite different than those given in God's Word. Let us then ask ourselves whether we are living according to God's standards for a Christian. Are we doing what He has told us to do in His Word?

The Quiet Hour

Since this topic deals with the Bible, it would be well to introduce or to review (whichever would apply to your group), the necessity for the Quiet Hour in the lives of Christian Endeavorers. The pledge is as follows:

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it a rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes every day, if possible in the early morning, for quiet meditation and direct communi with God.

This very important phase of Christi Endeavor deserves our closest attenti Observing the Quiet Hour has to be individual experience, but in your me ing you may discuss ways and means making it more effective for each E deavorer. Here are some suggestions:

1. Find a quiet place. This may your own room or an obscure place r likely to be used by anyone else duri the time you will be there.

2. Have your Bible and other dev tional materials near at hand. Read Go Word slowly and prayerfully.

3. Make it a definite time each d The pledge says, *if possible in the ea morning.* This is a good time.

4. Do a lot of listening for God's voi You will be amazed how the Lord w speak to your heart if you give Him opportunity.

5. Spend much time on your kne It is not the position that matters much, but there is much to be gained praying on your knees with your he bowed.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder Christian Endeavor, once said that, ". the Quiet Hour is not simply Bible-rea ing. We may ask God for what we wa but the Quiet Hour should not be mere petition or intercession. It involves mo of listening than of asking, more of bei spoken to than of speaking. And oh, t blessedness of it, when we fully realiz or indeed realize in any measure, t presence of God!"

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 10 An Unprofitable Way Leviticus 26:21-
T. Dec. 11 A Perfect Way II Samuel 22:31-
W. Dec. 12 A Directed Way Psalm 3:1
T. Dec. 13 The Lord's Highway Isaiah 35:8-
F. Dec. 14 A Restful Way Matthew 11:28-
S. Dec. 15 The Only Way John 14:1
Sun. Dec. 16—Topic: The Bible, My Road M Matthew 6:33, 7:13,14; John 3:1

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Tidings of Great Joy

Luke 2:8-20

(Christmas Sunday)

ggested Program

Prayer Service
ude
nn: (A Carol selected by the group)
ning Prayer
nns: *That Beautiful Name*
Joy to the World
ouncements, Recognition of Visitors, d Offering
cial Music: *Thou Didst Leave Thy hrone*
pture Reading: Luke 2:8-20
ic Presentation
sing Hymn: *Saved to Tell Others*
sing Sentence Prayers

blicity

ince this is the Christmas program it good opportunity to interest your tive and non-members in attending. onal invitations should be mailed to n inactive member, to those enrolled unday school and not in your society, to friends in school who do not have hurch home. This work should be e in cooperation with your Lookout mittee. Place a poster on the bulle- board and announcements on the day school blackboards. It is also a d idea to announce the topic at the istian Endeavor meeting the week ore and to have publicity in the rch paper.

ader's Introduction

hristmas is perhaps the happiest sea- we have. It has affected our nation many ways. No other holiday has had a great influence on our economic em. Millions of dollars are spent each on this one day. *What is the Chris- 's place in this rush of events? What he real message for us that is often ouflaged with Christmas trees, tinsel, parties?* The purpose of the pro- n tonight is to determine the answers hese questions.

ks on the Topic

The Way Prepared

his speaker should point out the fact Christ did not come without great paration by God. The first prophecy, oretelling, of His coming was given Genesis 3:15 to Adam and Eve. Im- liately following the first sin of the ld, God made provision for man's salvation. Another reference to Christ's birth in the Old Testament is in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6,7. The prophet Isaiah lived approximately 700 years before the birth of our Saviour, yet he prophesied His birth, life, death, and resurrection. Christ is the "golden thread" that unifies the entire Bible into one story. *(Read the above Scriptures).*

Preparation and Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to help each Endeavorer to pause in the rush of the Christmas season and to think carefully about the birth of Christ. A large world map may be placed at the front of the room, on which is printed the following: GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY . . . TO ALL PEOPLE. A manger scene may be placed in front of the map.

"In the fullness of time . . ."

(Read Galatians 4:4,5.) It is important to realize that the time God chose to send His Son was perfect in every way. Besides preparation among the Jewish people, God was making ready all the nations of the world. Greece had united the civilizations of Africa, Asia, and Europe, and had established one universal language. Rome had made one empire of the entire world, and Roman roads made all parts of it within reach. The news of this happening would spread quickly throughout this unified world. Even Caesar's decree had a part in God's great plan. Everything was poised, ready for the fulfillment of the prophecies given by God.

"Good Tidings . . ."

(Read Luke 2:8-14.) How quiet and still the night was as the shepherds watched over their sheep. But suddenly they heard a message from the Lord God of the Universe! The angels called their message *tidings of great joy.* What was this message? *For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.* A Saviour—the one whom God had promised for so many years had made His appearance. Why did He come? He came to show God's perfect love for His creation, to save His people from their sins, to grant abiding peace and joy to those who love and believe on Him throughout their entire earthly lives, and to give assurance of eternal life in heaven. This is the true message of Christmas—this is the purpose of all our celebration. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . . (John 3:16).* The Son of God came to the manger of Bethlehem, the earthly wilderness, the city of Jerusalem, and finally to Calvary, for our redemption!

What the Shepherds Saw

(Read Luke 2:15, 16). The shepherds went in haste to see the Christ-child. They could hardly believe that the Saviour of the world was to be born in a stable. What joy filled the hearts of those present. Mary sang, *My soul doth magnify the Lord,* when the angel first told her of the birth. The wise men rejoiced when they saw the star. The shepherds glorified and praised God because of the things they had seen and heard. Only Herod, who refused to accept Him as Saviour and King, despised the new-born babe. The scene was one of great humility. Why was Christ born in a stable, and not in a beautiful palace? It was all part of God's marvelous plan to show His love to the world. Notice how few people even knew of His birth. A few great wise men and a handful of humble shepherds gathered around the Child, who was born to average people. Only our God could arrange such a divinely dramatic setting for the birth of the King.

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Counselor's Talk

"To all people"

(Read Luke 2:17-20.) Perhaps the greatest part of the good tidings was that it was to be to *all people.* The shepherds returned from the scene glorifying and praising God. Christmas is a personal time with our Lord. Unless we admit Christ into our hearts and acknowledge His Lordship in our lives, Christmas is merely a holiday. Each one of us, sometime during his life, will come face to face with Christ, just as the shepherds did, and we'll have to make a decision. Was the angel's message really true? Did Christ come to die for our sins? Do we actually have *need* of a Saviour? All these questions will have to be answered. Will our decision be like the shepherd's, thanking and praising God for what we have found? Or will we reject Him, as Herod did? Each of these questions should be thought through carefully by every Endeavorer. If the message from the heavenly hosts was true, if Christ was born to save us from sin, if there is no salvation except in Him, then what a responsibility we have! *Good tidings . . . to all people,* the shepherds were told. Have we told our best friends, our classmates, the boy who sits by us in English, our teacher, our family?

Christ's earthly ministry began with this challenge, as we have seen, and also ended with it (Mark 16:15). Christ came once, and He is to come again. Will we be ready to meet Him? Will we have told anyone of His love, as He commanded us to? Or will we be ashamed to meet Him? We have been commissioned by the greatest King—will we have something to show Him when He comes?

In the closing moments each Endeavorer should be given an opportunity to renew his love for Christ. Have each one bow his head and thank God for His Son, our Saviour. Then continue a time of silent prayer, asking each one present to rededicate his life to Christ and to renew his fellowship with Him. Close with sentence prayers.

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Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 17	A Child Is Born	Isaiah 9:2-7
T. Dec. 18	The Light Is Come	Isaiah 60:1-6
W. Dec. 19	Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-55
T. Dec. 20	Joseph, a Just Man	Matthew 1:18-25
F. Dec. 21	Gifts for the Child	Matthew 2:10-12
S. Dec. 22	A Doctor's Account	Luke 2:1-7

Sun. Dec. 23—Topic: Tidings of Great Joy Luke 2:8-20

Committee Suggestions

The Christmas season presents vast opportunities for service for our Lord. We list a few suggestions for each committee.

1. WITNESSING (Lookout Committee)

Each Endeavorer should be challenged at this Christmas time to look for opportunities to witness to his friends. This committee may compose a booklet of salvation verses and give one to each member. (This may include verses such as: Romans 3:10, 23; Mark 12:30,31; Habakkuk 1:13; I Peter 2:24; Acts 16:31; I Peter 3:18; Romans 6:23; I John 5:13; and John 1:12.) The young people may use these verses when talking with their friends about our Lord. They should also be urged to turn in the names of those spoken with to the Lookout Committee chairman, who can then send them invitations to attend your society meetings and socials.

2. WORSHIPPING (Devotional Committee)

It is the duty of this committee to see that an appropriate, challenging Christ-centered Christmas program is presented. Check over this list several times before the meeting:

PURPOSE: (1) Have I considered the purpose of our program in the light of the needs of our group and how this program can meet them? (2) Was this purpose carried out through my publicity and room preparation? (3) Will it create a desire to know Christ better and to serve Him more effectively?

PUBLICITY: (1) Have I made sure that all members know the time, place, and topic of the meeting? (2) Have I exhausted all means of publicity available?

PREPARATION: (1) Has the room been prepared to lend a reverent atmosphere? (Chairs straightened, coat racks available, and temperature checked.) (2) Has the worship center been prepared?

PARTICIPATION: (1) Does each Endeavorer have a part in the program? (2) Is there appropriate special music? (3) Will the visitors be introduced?

PEP: (1) Will this program run smoothly and without drag? (2) Does each participant know where he is on the program? (3) Will there be a definite closing?

PRAYER: (1) Have I prayed consistently for each participant? (2) Will there be a pre-prayer service? (3) Will there be time for prayer within the program?

3. WRITING (Missionary Committee)

Much prayer and thought should be given to those of the church who are away from home at this season. The missionary committee could take for its project the sending of Christmas greetings to missionaries, servicemen, and college students. Mail them early! They will enjoy hearing from you.

4. WINNING (Social Committee)

Christmas socials—a time of real out-reach for your society. Perhaps a Christmas banquet would be of benefit for your society. Or even better, you may want to share your Christmas by a caroling party to shut-ins. Another good way to present the Christmas message is to give a party for those less fortunate than you. Each society member may bring a gift and the group could take them to an orphanage, or to a needy family. Games and refreshments should be prepared beforehand.

5. WORKING (Church Activity Committee)

Christmas time presents many opportunities within the Church to serve. Check with your pastor about extra activities in which he might need your help. The choir may need more members. Publicity for the services will need to be given to newspapers, and posters could be made. Perhaps some Church members will need transportation.

If weather permits, a living manger scene on the church lawn might be possible using members of your society. You can set up shifts so that everyone will have a chance to participate.

Be Strong and of a Good Courage"

Joshua 1:5-9
(New Year's Sunday)

ggested Program

e-Prayer Service: make this a meaningful time spent in praying for the topic, the needs of the Christian Endeavor group and of your church.
ng Service — *Christ is the Answer; God's Way; Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; Trust and Obey*
nouncements and Offering
ayer Song — *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
ayer: Ask someone beforehand to lead in prayer.
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. Take time to pray for God's help.
. Read the topic several times to be sure u understand it clearly. If you have difficulty, e someone help you. You cannot lead a ic that you don't understand.
. Go over the topic with your counselor for gestions to help make this topic practical for ir group.
. Select someone to do the following in the eting: lead singing; offer prayer; take the t of the Reporter and of Joshua; to read Scripture in your introduction. (Be sure they w you expect them to do these things before meeting.)

eparation by Counselor

Help your leader all you can with planng the topic. Don't let him feel you are ing it for him, however. Junior Highs eager to do, but they need your help.

troduction of Lesson

In Joshua 1:5-9 we read of commandnts God gave to Joshua as he began "term" of leading the children of ael into the Promised Land. Along th the commandments, God also gave omises. As this Scripture is read, see you can find the commandments and e promises. *(Either read the portion of ripture yourself or have someone else it. Be sure it is someone who can ad well and has had a chance to look rough it before the meeting. After it is ad ask:)* What were some of the commandments that God gave to Joshua? What were the promises? Could Joshua have claimed the promises without first fulfilling the commandments? Can we?

As Christians, our lives are a battleground because Satan is trying to get us on his side. If he wins in one little area of our lives, we become weak Christians and can't fight very well in the next battle. God has commanded us to be strong and has provided the means by which we can be strong. In our topic tonight, we are going to find out what God expects us to do and what He will do to help us to be stronger Christians. As we look back over the past year we may not be too pleased with the progress we have made as Christians. This topic is to encourage us to *be strong and of a good courage.*

Introduction to the Interview

(Your introduction to this section might go like this) God's Word has recorded facts about the lives of many people. These have been recorded to show us how God worked in their lives and also wants to work in our lives in the same way. God was careful to record both the good and the bad about their lives in order for us to gain from their example. Tonight our reporter, _____ _____, is going to interview only one person from the Bible and try to find his secrets of being strong for the Lord. Listen for four different secrets which he will share with us. We will discuss them after the interview.

REPORTER: Tonight, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to interview a man who was strong for the Lord. If you think you have it difficult sometimes, you should have been in his shoes. He had to defeat some 30 countries in order for his people to possess the land that God had promised them. But wait, I'm telling his story. Let's let him tell it himself. Here he comes now, Joshua, a man who was strong for the Lord. Please have a seat, Joshua. We are glad to have you here tonight and are looking forward to hearing your story.

JOSHUA: Thank you. I hope that I can be of some help to each of you.

REPORTER: I'm sure you can. First of all what would you say was one of your most difficult assignments to fulfill?

JOSHUA: There were many of them. The time I was a spy commissioned to bring back a report of the promised land, comes to my mind. It wasn't easy to tell the complete opposite of what the other ten spies said about the land, but Caleb and I told what we felt was right.

REPORTER: That was a tough assignment. I can remember times when I thought differently than the group but was afraid to speak up because everyone seemed to be of the same opinion. What would you say was your secret? How could you be strong at a time like that? I'm sure our young people here tonight would like to know. I'm afraid there just aren't enough of us that are strong in this area of our lives.

JOSHUA: It sounds like a difficult thing to do but it really wasn't. Perhaps the reason was that I thought back to what God had done for us in delivering us out of the hands of the Egyptians. I wasn't very strong then. When I saw the Red Sea ahead of us and the Egyptian army behind us I was sure we were finished. But God's presence was real to Moses and he relied on Him. God performed a miracle that day and delivered us from the hands of our enemies. There were many other miracles He did for us as we were traveling. This is what I remembered as I looked over the promised land. I realized, with the other spies, that there were problems but I also remembered what God had done for us before. If He could do it then, I was sure He could do it for us again.

REPORTER: Say, you really hit upon something there. I hope our young people are taking notes of this. We only need to remember who God is, don't we? Remembering what He has done for us will help us speak up for Him when we should. Tell us more of your experiences.

JOSHUA: You asked me before what was the most difficult assignment. Perhaps it was the time when I was to take over the job that Moses had before me. That was a big assignment for me to take over

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where he stopped. It was as though God was asking me to use the shoes that Moses had used and they were much too large for me to fill.

REPORTER: But in this you were faithful and successful. To what do you attribute your success?

JOSHUA: The Word of God. God commanded Moses to tell me what I was to do. Moses told me, but with every commandment He also gave a promise. That promise can be found several places in your Bible. One is in Deuteronomy 31:6-8 and again in Deuteronomy 31:23. Then God, Himself, spoke to me and gave the same promise recorded in Joshua 1:9 *Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.* What else could I do but be a good leader for God promised to be with me all the time and every place.

REPORTER: That's wonderful. We don't have to be afraid with God's Word to guide . . .

JOSHUA: Excuse me just a moment. There is one more thing I want to say about the task of leading the people. Another reason I was able to do it was because I knew God had asked me to do this task. Would you tell your people to remember that?

REPORTER: I certainly will. That's a wonderful message for Christians. Too often we do a task only because of the gain we may get. You have told us some wonderful truths which we can apply particularly in the coming New Year. But tell me, even after God had told you to do the job and had given you the promise to be with you, weren't you afraid? I know that has been my experience.

JOSHUA: You are right and I was no different. God told us to defeat all the countries that were in the promised land so we could live in peace. The first one was the city of Jericho, a powerful city and one that made our little army look too small for the task. We didn't have the equipment to tear down the walls. I was afraid and didn't know how we could do it.

REPORTER: What happened to make you strong for the Lord?

JOSHUA: I went out by myself one day to look at the city and suddenly I realized that I wasn't by myself any longer. There was a man standing there with me. I had never seen him before. When I asked him who he was he told me he was the Captain of the Host of the Lord. I didn't fear any longer because the Lord Himself was there to lead our army. He never makes mistakes. If I had tried to do it myself I would have failed. You can find what happened recorded in Joshua 5:13-15.

I must be leaving now. May each one of you let the Lord fight your battles for you in the coming year ahead.

REPORTER: Thank you very much, Joshua, for being with us tonight and giving us these excellent tips on how to be strong for the Lord.

Questions for Discussion

1. What four secrets did Joshua share with us that attributed to making his life strong for the Lord? (Have someone write these on the board for everyone to remember.)

2. Are these practical points for us to use today? If so, how?

Buzz Groups

We will divide now into three groups to discuss some areas in our lives that need to be stronger.

(Divide into three groups to discuss the following questions. Allow them about 10 minutes and then report their findings.)

Group I—Prayer

Does God command us to pray? See Matthew 7:7. If we belong to Him, are we to be commanded by Him? Where else in God's Word does it tell us to pray. See Matthew 26:41; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2. Can we be strong Christians if we go many days without prayer? How can other people's experiences in prayer help our prayer life?

Illustration: George Muller was a praying man who saw many miracles worked through prayer. He and his family lived completely by faith. When there was a need, they told only the Lord about it and no one else. God never failed to supply their needs even when it seemed to them impossible to do so. The Lord led him to start an orphanage depending completely upon Him to supply everything. One day, there was no bread for the next meal. Mr. Muller went to prayer concerning this need. When time came for the meal there still was no bread for the many hungry boys and girls. Mr. Muller had them sit down at the tables and he thanked God for the meal and for the bread. As he finished praying a knock was heard at the door. A bread truck had broken down in front of their orphanage and the man wanted to know if they could use the bread so it wouldn't spoil.

Does God answer prayer like that today? He does if we are in the right relationship with Him. Do you know of instances when God answered prayer? How does thinking on these past ... periences help us to depend more ... Him?

Group II—Service

Who gave Joshua his commands as ... fought the many battles? As Christi... who should be the one to tell us wh... and when to work for the Lord? C... Christian Endeavor officers be G... directed?

Read II Timothy 2:3,4.

If we belong to Christ, can we rig... fully let other things come first bef... service to Him? Would a soldier ... allowed to take care of business wh... he was in active duty? Are we in act... service in God's army? Are we be... strong Christians when we let ot... things come first in our lives bef... service to God?

Group III—Loyalty and Faithfulne...

Is it possible to do many things ... the interest of the church and still ... be loyal to Christ and His Church? *Illustration:* Jane had been a member ... the Christian Endeavor society for so... time. She could always be depend... upon to help with parties, call on sh... ins, gather used clothing, and pl... projects to do for the church. She w... always ready to do things, except atte... other services of the church. Was s... being loyal to Christ and the churc... Do you think she was getting her co... mands from God to do all the things s... was doing? Would God command ... person to serve Him but not to worsh... and learn of Him in church service... Can we be a strong Christian when ... only attend one service of the churc... Can we be a strong Christian when ... attend the services only occasionally?

Discussion Following Buzz Group...

After each has shared what they ha... discussed ask these questions. *What a... three areas in our lives in which we ne... to be stronger for the Lord in the comi... year? (There may be others that a... mentioned but be sure that praye... service, and loyalty are stressed.) Ho... can we be stronger in these areas?*

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 24 He Goes Ahead Deuteronomy 31:6
T. Dec. 25 Be Strong Joshua 10:15-...
W. Dec. 26 The Lord Gives Wisdom I Chronicles 22:6-...
T. Dec. 27 The Lord Strengthens Isaiah 40:31; 41:10...
F. Dec. 28 An Open Door Revelation 3:7-...
S. Dec. 29 The Lord Rewards Obedience Luke 5:1-...
Sun. Dec. 30—Topic: "Be Strong and of a Go... Courage" Joshua 1:5...

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Topics FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

"I'll Get You Back"

Matthew 5:38-48

Publicity

Draw a poster of a young fellow hurt n a fight. Or a picture of a spite fence between the adjoining properties of two neighbors. Underneath print in large letters: HE TRIED TO GET EVEN. DID HE SUCCEED? Bring your answer to our Christian Endeavor meeting tonight.

ggested Program

l to Worship: read the first verse of he hymn, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
mn: *Blessed Assurance*
ipture: Matthew 5:38-48
yer Period
nouncements and Offering
mn: *Are Ye Able, Said The Master*
der's Introduction
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stion Period
mn: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

esenting the Topic

here are various ways to handle this resting and timely topic. Use your gment based on previous programs your society and the talents of your mbers. Always aim at variety in preting topics. A lawyer might be ind to speak from his own experience handling lawsuits and quarrels been neighbors arising out of a desire get even or to retaliate because of a l or imaginary grievance resulting n some petty meanness or misunderding. Or you might make this a sonal testimony meeting as different mbers describe instances when they e sought to get back at some friend some practical joke that ceased to be oke, or when they retaliated for dirty ck in an athletic contest or unfair tics in school activities or social life.

ader's Introduction

A popular musical comedy of recent rs features the song, *Doing What mes Naturally.* More important than words or the melody of the song is philosophy behind it which also finds ression in much of our popular literre and standards of life. It is the idea t there are certain things which we instinctively as part of our very ure. Hence, they are the natural things for us to do. On that basis they are too easily justified regardless of their moral consequences. In much of our modern literature, we are encouraged to give way to our instincts and forget about restraining inhibitions or the standards of society. This is a comfortable but very un-Christian program of life—doing what comes naturally.

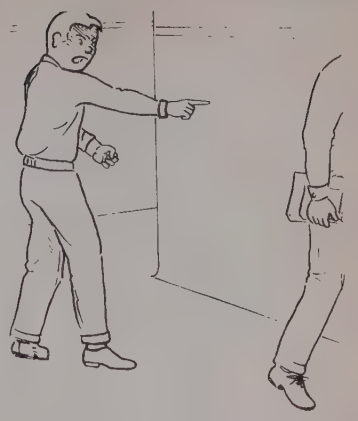
What could be more natural than to desire to get even when somebody plays an embarrassing joke on us or takes an unfair advantage of us in a contest or gives us a "dirty" deal. I'll get you back for that, we mutter either audibly or to ourselves. An eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth seems to have Old Testament justification. But is it Christian? Are the results helpful or harmful? We seek the Christian answer in our discussion today. Jesus, in our Scripture lesson, expressed some very strong convictions. Three speakers will now analyze them.

Brief Talks

The Folly of Getting Even

Instead of the ancient law of equality in revenge, Jesus urges generous kindness. (Read Matthew 5:38-42.) Difficult advice to follow, is it not? It is contrary to our natural desire to get even. The law of equality in revenge, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, was a big advance over the law of the jungle where no limitation was placed on the instinct for revenge, with the inevitable destructive lust of cruelty. Limiting revenge to one eye for one eye and one tooth for one tooth was a big legal step forward in enforced restraint. It was a useful law in stabilizing society in a pre-Christian era. It still remains the basis for judgment in many civil courts today.

But Jesus replaces limited revenge with unlimited good will—the law of love. Do not try to fight wrongs, He teaches, with the weapons of the wrongdoer or to fight on his level and give blow for blow. Blows will only incite blows. Hate results in hate. You find yourself in a vicious circle. Two wrongs never make a right. Acting like the devil will never take the devil out of people. That is what war tries to do. It only makes more war inevitable. A war to end war



is the supreme moral absurdity. The past world wars have proven this in spite of lofty slogans. Instead, Jesus pleads, fight with the higher weapons of unquenchable good will on the level of unfailing love. Jesus uses three illustrations. First, where the matter at issue is not serious enough to be carried into court—where only your dignity or pride is wounded by something as trivial as a slap in the face. Second, where the difficulty is important enough to be tried in court and you suffer some miscarriage of justice due to unfair or untrue testimony. The third case involves forced labor as payment for excessive taxes or a false debt you think you do not owe. In each case, Jesus says, meekly submitting to apparent injustice is below the level of your self-respect. It may only reveal weakness and encourage further selfish aggression. Passive submission is not Christian courage.

Take the offensive by active service on the plane of unquenchable good will. Turn the other cheek, give your cloak also, go the second mile in voluntary service. By your moral daring in doing that which is unnatural, you put your opponent to shame and stimulate his better nature. Are you brave enough to try it? Marcus Aurelius, the philosopher of ancient Rome, warns: "The only way to avenge yourself is not to become like the wrongdoer."

The Blessing of Forgiveness

Nothing could be more natural than to love our friends and hate our enemies. It is an ancient policy and the ordinary rule of daily life. Nevertheless it gives rise to selfish cliques in school and society; it fosters bitter interscholastic rivalry on the athletic field. It appears in the spoils system of politics, becomes the motivating urge in war and finds expression in unjust peace treaties which sow the seeds of future conflict. It stimulates strikes and ill will between unions

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and management and promotes gang warfare of various types. All because people insist on doing that which comes naturally.

Cicero was one of the noblest Romans of them all. Yet he had an enemy called Clodius. Clodius fell at the battle of Bovillae. That was one of the happiest days in Cicero's life. He broadcasted his joy and started dating his letters from the day on which his enemy died. Historians have found one of these letters with this date upon it: "560th day after Bovillae." We would be too ashamed of ourselves to do a stunt like that, but it was in harmony with the ethical standards of Cicero's age. Jesus' emphasis on forgiveness has changed those standards.

While the passions of the Civil War were at their height, Abraham Lincoln attended a reception at the White House. In conversation with the guests, he made a hopeful remark about the South. An elderly woman quickly challenged him and asked how he could speak so kindly about his enemies when he should wish above all else to destroy them. With a patient smile Lincoln replied: "What, Madam? Do not I destroy them when I make them my friends?" How different the course of the period of the Reconstruction might have been and how much more quickly the passions of war would have subsided had Lincoln lived to convey that spirit to both victor and vanquished! "The only way to get rid of an enemy is to turn him into a friend and there is no possible way to get rid of hate except by love," said E. Stanley Jones.

Respectability Is Not Enough

Jesus would test the evidences of our practical Christianity by asking this question: "What do ye more than others?" "If ye love only those who love you or if ye salute your brethren only" you are merely doing what comes naturally. Even Publicans and respectable Pharisees do that. In what respect is your conduct different from the respectable people in your community who are not church members? Jesus would challenge us with the assurance that respectability is not enough, that above and beyond respectability lies Christianity.

(You might pause at this point to ask your group to meditate on Jesus' question and to test their personal life by His haunting question: "What do ye more than others?" That more *makes all the difference.)* It is the overflow of the Nile that saves Egypt from being desert and makes it a fertile valley. As Christians we are asked to go beyond duties to privileges, to go beyond customary expectations by doing our best both for friend and foe.

God, Jesus teaches, is impartial in His loving provision for the needs of all men. He causes the sun to shine with equal beneficial effect upon the evil and on the good and sends the refreshing rain with equal blessing upon the just and the unjust. Your reward is "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:45) You will be like your Father—the true goal of Christian living. Christians are different. They do live on a higher plane than mere respectability or conformity to custom. They do strive to be "perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

Yet too many of us are content merely to be respectable people, not true Christians. Of course, to be respectable is far better than to be disrespectable. Respectability is the goal of organized society, the united aim of government and public education. It is the expressed ambition of hosts of people of all shades of opinion and contrasted abilities. To conform to the community requirements of respectability is no small attainment and merits the hearty approval of educators and preachers. Yet Jesus asks the rebuking question: "What do ye more than others?"

Respectability calls for conformity to existing standards of right and wrong in business or in social life. Christianity calls for the lifting up of those standards. Respectability says, Be as good as the average. Christianity insists that you live above the average, that you aim to be better than the average man is content to be. Respectability bids you go the first mile which the law requires you to go or public opinion constrains you to go. Christianity bids you go the second mile in service and forgiveness which only daring idealism imposes. By being respectable you can keep out of jail, avoid trouble, perhaps make money, hold political office, inspire envy and command applause. But unless you obey the command of Christ and go beyond respectability, you can never experience the joy and peace of living in harmony with the Divine will. You will never do your part in hastening the coming of Christ's kingdom. Do you have the courage to be Christian in the difficult experiences of forgiving and doing good to those who have been unkind and mean to you?

Illustrations

Aaron Burr was a gifted leader whose name might have been written in the glorious annals of history had he not permitted hatred to destroy him. He and Jefferson were deadlocked in the House of Representatives in a close race for the presiden Burr was subsequently defeated on the 3 ballot because of the influence of Alexan Hamilton, who in a bitter speech compar Burr to the Roman traitor Catiline. Thr years later in 1804, Burr ran for gover of New York. Hamilton campaigned agai him vigorously and wrote letters attacki Burr's character. Again Burr was defeat These two defeats embittered Burr agai Hamilton. It led eventually to the fa duel between the two men along the sho of Weehawken. Hate seemed to have t umphed as Hamilton fell to the ground m tally wounded. Burr's revenge seemed swe

But the pistol shot which killed Hamilt also destroyed the national reputation a political life of Aaron Burr. Years la Burr confessed that he would have be much wiser had he taken a more sensib and forgiving attitude toward Hamilt and recognized that the new republic w big enough for both Burr and Hamilt The victories of hate are only illusory. the end it always loses.

The story is told of a young girl a her brother who were trying to escape fr the enemy during the second World W They fled for their lives, but all in va They were caught and the girl saw a sold run a bayonet through the throat of h brother. She escaped in the darkness b the memory of her brother's death remain a haunting nightmare.

Several months passed and the girl volu teered to serve as a nurse in an army h pital. One day a badly wounded prison of war was brought into her ward. Wh bathing his wounds, she recognized him the soldier who had killed her brother heartlessly. This was her opportunity f revenge. All she needed to do was to gi him an injection and her brother's dea would be avenged. The power to hate h been developing within her. But she w a Christian and thought of Jesus who up the cross had suffered a worse agony injustice but who had prayed, "Father, fo give them; for they know not what they do

The soldier was aware that she had re ognized him. He was expecting her to k him as he would have done under simil circumstances. But one day she came him and said with a smile: "I have fo given you because I am a Christian Christ's command to do good to them th hate you had triumphed over hate and t desire for revenge.

Questions for Discussion

1. **What great men have been most forgivin**
2. **How did Jesus practice what He taught abo forgiveness?**
3. **How far should you go in a practical jok When does a joke cease to be fun?**
4. **What is the meaning of the phrase: "He coals of fire on his head?" (Romans 12:20).**

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 26 Eye for Eye Leviticus 24:17-
T. Nov. 27 Abner and Joab II Samuel 3:22-
W. Nov. 28 Known by His Deeds Luke 6:39-
T. Nov. 29 The Greatest Gift I Corinthians 13:1-
F. Nov. 30 The Vengeance of God Romans 12:19-
S. Dec. 1 The Same in Return Matthew 7:1-
Sun. Dec. 2—Topic: "I'll Get You Back" Matthew 5:38-

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsy vania

Don't Sell a Best-Seller Short!

II Timothy 2:15-26
(Universal Bible Sunday)

vance Preparation

everal weeks before the meeting the er should begin collecting, from bers of the society and others, un- l copies of the Bible. A good source upply should be an announcement rted in the church paper asking for es of various translations, of different uages, of unusual sizes and bindings, of very old dates of publication, uding family Bibles with useful rds. If there is a Bible Book Store the community, the owner would ably loan you some interesting es. This collection should be care- y arranged in a case or on a table in advance of the meeting to stimu- interest in the topic.

lso, the leader should secure from tever sources are available, enough ies of daily Bible reading lists or litations so that each person attending receive a complimentary copy to home. This will provide an im- tant follow-up to the meeting.

ne week before the meeting the ler should ask each one to bring his Bible. *(Be prepared to distribute les to those who forget.)*

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o Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
der's Introduction
st Speaker: Comparisons of various anslations of the Bible
nn: *Break Thou The Bread of Life*
pture: Psalm 68:11; II Timothy .16-17
ys to Study the Bible
nn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
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nn: *Where He Leads Me, I Will ollow*
der's Closing Remarks
der's Prayer and Group Benediction

the Leader

Most young people take the Bible for nted. They consider it a holy book as such respect it and like to have opy of their own. It is presented as ift in some churches to those leaving Junior Department of the Sunday ool, but in some instances that Bible ound lying around the church build- years later, unused by the one to whom it was presented. In the same way their elders often jokingly speak of dusting off the Bible before the preacher calls. In this meeting we shall try to find better uses for the Book of Books, the Bible.

Ways to Study the Bible

1. The most common way to study the Bible is to attend Sunday school regularly. There you have the use of comments and helps prepared by scholars who have spent much time and thought in interpreting the Bible, and also the words of explanation and encouragement from teachers who have had more experience in the Christian life than you. There are the mid-week Bible study courses which are also helpful to young Christians.

2. *(Read II Timothy 2:15.)* Helpful as group study can be, it does not take the place of individual Bible reading. Every church can furnish some kind of Bible reading guide such as a leaflet or quarterly booklet which gives daily passages to be read. The readings often are accompanied by everyday illustrations and suggested prayers. But all this takes time. Therefore, the second requirement for purposeful Bible study is to set a time, either in the early morning or just before retiring. For some unknown reason we are proud of our parents or grandparents having a well-worn and well-marked Bible, but should older people have any priority on good and useful habits of life? Young people have so many years to profit from Bible study. *(Here, if provision has been made, distribute Bible study lists or devotional booklets.)*

3. Another way to study the Bible is to secure a copy with a concordance, so that one can find passages that help answer the moral and social questions which arise in everyday life. *(Whoever gives this section should have such a Bible at hand and use it to illustrate his meaning.)* For example, what do the Scriptures have to say about praying, singing hymns or preaching in public? Is it just a way of showing off one's religion? Look up the word *praise* and read some of the references.

4. In addition to reading the Bible as a study book to guide us in life, we need the Bible for comfort. Many times in an hour of indecision, sorrow or discouragement, passages may come to our minds that we don't even remember having learned. They are words from sermons, prayers and Bible lessons that have stuck in the back of our minds and that have come to us when human aid is not at hand or unavailing. One such passage is the twenty-third Psalm. We know that better than we think. *(The person presenting this section should lead the group in repeating it responsively. Be sure you are prepared.)*

5. There are other books of the Bible containing comforting or helpful verses. Will each of you quickly find a verse which you consider a favorite? *(Take time for this participation.)*

Commands to be Obeyed

(Read Exodus 20:1-17.) We know that the Bible contains commands to be obeyed and promises to be fulfilled. Concerning the former, we learned in early childhood God's code of laws as given to Moses. Long before we understood their meaning in full, we could recite them and they still furnish the basis for our moral actions when we are called on to make a quick decision. *(Read Matthew 24:35.)*

As we advanced in Sunday school, we learned the New Testament version or summary of the Ten Commandments. *(Read Mark 12:30,31.)* We were taught that if we loved our neighbor as ourselves, we would not sin against him in any of the ways implied in the Commandments which dealt with our relationship to our fellowmen and, of course, we would not sin against God in the ways suggested by those commandments which had to do with our relationship to God.

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There are many Bible commands which are not negative as most of the original ten, but positive as the ones Jesus gave in answer to the scribe's question about the first commandment. *(Read Matthew 19:17,21.)* Also, see the command to Peter *(John 21:15-17).* Jesus was telling Peter how to show his love for Him.

Christ's last command to us includes the final test of discipleship as He gave what has become known as the Great Commission. These verses form the foundation of all missionary enterprises in all Christian churches. *(Read Matthew 28: 19-20.)*

Promises to be Claimed

The Bible is full of promises to those who believe and who are willing to do their part in claiming them. We read in the book of I Kings 8:56, "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise." To know that some of these promises have conditions, we read in Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you", and in James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

One of the most precious promises to those who spend many hours in toil, is the invitation, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* For some people, even the quiet hour of worship in church is a fulfillment of this promise.

The promise of an eternal home, though beyond the conception of some young people, will become more and more real as you grow older. The promise and hope of the second coming of Christ is pictured in John 14:2,3, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself."

Leader's Closing Remarks

It is a well-known fact that for years the Bible has been the best-selling book, but it is not so well known that the Bible is a well-read book. It is encouraging to note a recent newspaper article telling of a member of the Gideon Society who left three-hundred new dollar bills and self-addressed postal cards in Bibles distributed to motels and hotels throughout this country and Canada. All save thirty-six were returned to him proving that salesmen, mothers, children, young people and cleaning women were still reading the Bible.

Bible Drill

In the practical, busy world in which we live many pastimes and activities of former days are relegated to the category of the outmoded. Among these in the life of the church and its organization is the old-fashioned Bible drill. True, it is much more important to know the Bible than merely to know about it, but often learning about a book fosters interest in the book itself. Consequently, the leader or sponsor of the young people's group may well conduct a formal quiz, written or oral. The latter could be conducted after the manner of an old-fashioned spelling bee, selecting captains and choosing sides. This preliminary activity always adds interest to the question and answer period. Every church has access to material from which to select the questions, either in the church library or in the pastor's study. Perhaps you may want to start with the most simple.

Translations

If it is not convenient to secure a speaker who is acquainted with the various translations of the Bible, the le may prepare to give some of the hist facts. Early in Hebrew history the o nal sacred writings were transl orally, a few verses at a time, into Aramaic or language of the peo Later seventy-two scholars translated Old Testament into Greek. In the fo century A.D., the scholarly priest Jer translated both Old and New Testam books into Latin. About 1348 John cliffe made the first faithful Eng translation from the Latin.

After the invention of the print press, the first book printed was Bible, done by Gutenberg about 14 An important translation used by m Christians today is the King James thorized Version, published in 1611 authorized by King James I of Engla Since then a number of versions h been published in an attempt to put Bible into the language of the comm people.

Questions for Discussion

1. Can the Bible answer problems that teena daily face? How?

2. Discuss ways in which the Bible can be m more meaningful to everyday life.

3. Would you be willing to risk your life order to preserve the Bible as men down centuries have?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 3 A Gift of God Psalm 68:
T. Dec. 4 Providing Protection Psalm 91:
W. Dec. 5 Enduring Forever Matthew 24:2
T. Dec. 6 Teaching Repentance Luke 13
F. Dec. 7 Teaching Salvation Romans 1:1
S. Dec. 8 Teaching Love Mark 12:2
Sun. Dec. 9—Topic: Don't Sell a Best-Se Short! II Timothy 2:15

Comments by Edna A. Pyle, a junior high sch teacher and librarian in Vincennes, Indiana

Committee Projects

Devotional Committee

This topic of Bible appreciation is seasonal but always timely. Therefore some permanent results should accrue from the meeting. One such result could be a series of Bible reading courses planned by the pastor or a Bible student. If lists are distributed during the meeting, some kind of follow-up program should be planned and announced. A few minutes from each regular meeting could be assigned for discussion of the past week's reading or an extra night or weekly supper meeting could be planned at which time each participant could report or testify as to the passages which he found most helpful. A Bible student could be present each time to answer any questions which develop from the preceding week's reading.

Church Activity Committee

Many persons in every community have reached the age or condition in which they can no longer see to read as much as they would like to do. The church activity committee could conduct a survey, first in their own church. They could enlist the help of other society members to visit in the community, seeking for persons who would enjoy having some one read the Bible to them. The next step would be to call for volunteers to do the reading and then to make a schedule which would be mutually convenient to all concerned. From time to time the personnel could be shifted to add variety to the life of the persons served. This would be the beginning of some worthwhile friendships. This project would certainly be consistent with the aims and purposes of the Christian Endeavor society.

Personalized Performance

Romans 10:1-9

Our Aims

1. To challenge young people to seek God's will for their life.
2. To place the challenge of full time church work before them.

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repare a poster for your bulletin rd with the words *Help Wanted* ss the top. Vertically, in the center, the words *For Christian Service.* w pictures of personalized service on e levels: Society, Local, Community World Wide. Add details concern- the meeting.

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Prayer Service
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k: Our Christian Responsibility
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clusion: Sponsor
nn: *Living for Jesus*
yer and Benediction

idance to the Counselor

his is a wonderful opportunity to draw r young people into a deeper spiritual k with Christ as their personal Saviour. e this program come alive to them so will grasp the full meaning of Per- lized Service. Meet with your leaders be sure the program has been well ned and prepared. Have on hand the er, *What is a Lifework Recruit?*, to give ach one present. These may be ordered the International Society of Christian leavor.

r the Leader

his meeting should be a challenge to e more time, talent, and money to Lord's service. Though we can't all into full time church vocations, we uld stress that to each of us is given lent and with this talent we can do ething to help further the spread of Gospel. We can do something to o our missionary program.

Pray, Give, Go! This is the title to a rt poem which insists that all Chris- is must share in missions. All too often work of missions is left to only a few o seem to have special talent or cer- qualifications. Yet, every Christian st be a missionary at heart. Tonight are going to emphasize the three as- ts of praying, giving, and going.

Our Christian Responsibility

Christian youth today have something worthwhile to share. We must share it now. This is not a time for apology but for confident sharing of our best. If we believe that Christ holds the solution for the many needs of our world, we must seize and create opportunities to place Him before the attention of the world. There is really only one way to get and to hold that attention and that is by making our lives laboratories in our own communities, in which Christ can work His will. We must make the Christian way attractive by revealing that Christ puts a plus element into life. This can be done personally and in groups of people.

The Gospel must become in us a living reality. When Christ within brings peace, joy, and strength, adequate for every need, we can speak and young people will listen eagerly. When our lives become radiant, others will want what we possess and will desire to go along with us.

Our Christian responsibility should impel each one to sense the obligation of teaching the Gospel to those whom we meet in normal life activity, in steady and earnest effort to take others along.

Pray

(Read I Thessalonians 5:17 and Matthew 21:22.) We should learn to spend as much time in prayer as we can. Set aside a portion of your Quiet Hour for prayerful meditation. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in reading and understanding the Word. Pray that you might be an effective Christian Witness wherever you may be; pray for your local church and Christian Endeavor Society in its ministry to the youth of the community. Pray for Christians everywhere. Last but not least; pray for all missionaries, that God will give them physical and spiritual strength, and wisdom, patience and understanding. That their every need shall be supplied. Choose a missionary from your church and pray for him specifically. Remember, whatsoever we ask in the prayer, believing, we shall receive. This is God's promise to us.

Give

We ask the question, "What have I as a young person to give for personalized service?" The greatest gift we have to give is found in Romans 12:1, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies*

of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. First we must give our lives, body, heart and soul to Christ. Confessing our sins and accepting Him as our personal Saviour.

God has given to each of us at least one talent. We must discover this talent and develop it for His service. The giving of gifts is God's way of promoting His Church. Young people have many natural talents but God sometimes puts these aside to develop some spiritual gift He has given. Peter, the hot-tempered fisherman, certainly used his ability to lead men when he became a Christian. But God added the gift of being a preacher and apostle as separate spiritual gifts. (see Acts 2:14-36)

When young people surrender their natural talents to God, He uses them. But when He plants a spiritual gift in a young person, this is the one He especially treasures. When we yield our natural talents, we sometimes boast that we have given God something. When we let God cultivate a spiritual gift, He gets all the glory.

Time is a God-given gift. How much of this gift do we return to Him? We somehow find the time to do all the things we really want to do but use the excuse, I don't have time, when we are asked to do something on the Christian Endeavor program. Let's give more time to God.

The Church is supported by gifts. Budgets are raised because of gifts of money. The witness it gives is God's witness given His people to use in service. Everyone has a gift, so everyone ought to be doing something for Christ in the church. We must give of our money. In

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our local societies we should set aside a portion of our offering to be given to missions.

Remember I Peter 4:10, *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

The running stream is swift and clear, its waters are cool and refreshing and its banks are lined with flowers. But when it ceases to give forth it becomes a stagnant pool—no longer the cool refreshing water, no longer the beautiful flowers on its banks. And so it is with man. He who gives of his time and money to others creates about himself an atmosphere as refreshing as does the running stream. When in his presence one has a clearer understanding of the needs of men and a deeper desire to help meet those needs.

The man who does not have a systematic, proportionate plan of giving is like the stagnant pool. He becomes absorbed in self, he does not see or understand the needs of others. He has missed the whole meaning of life—for to give is to live.

Many have found the tithe the most satisfactory and satisfying way to give. It not only places our giving on a businesslike basis, it helps us to put first things first as God intended they should be. God becomes a very real Person in the home where His part of the family income is recognized and honored. Using the tithe as the minimum for our giving would increase the opportunities of the Church many fold. We could get action instead of talking. The Gospel of good will could be carried to the ends of the earth.

The problems of the world are many but we know that for nations, as well as individuals, *Christ is the only Answer.* The need of carrying the Gospel to all parts of the world has never been greater. Even though you and I may never be able to serve on a mission field, our gifts will make it possible for us to have a share in building the Kingdom of God among men.

There are young people in every church, every community, who are regular tithers. Few, who have tried it honestly and conscientiously, have ever given it up. Learn from them the blessings of stewardship in your own life; Christ's example teaches us that this is the way to truly live.

Go

Who? (Read aloud Matthew 28:19, 20.) As Christians we have the job of spreading the gospel, to witness for Christ and to try and bring lost people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is a great task and an endless one. We can do it only through Christ our Lord.

What? (Read aloud II Timothy 4:1-5.) Here we see what we are to teach; the Word. It is only through reading the Scriptures daily that we can speak with authority. Our time is running short, people will turn a deaf ear to the Word unless we reach them now.

Where? (Read aloud Mark 16:15.) We have a command to spread the gospel, locally, nation-wide, and world-wide.

When? (Read aloud II Corinthians 6:2.) Not tomorrow, or the day after, nor next year but today is the day of salvation and only we can bring Christ to a dying and lost world. Only through Christ can people have the gift of eternal life.

Why? (Read aloud John 3:16.) Here in one verse is the reason why we must let people know. Christ died for all our sins that we might be made new creatures in Him. His blood covers the sins of the world.

How? (Read aloud Romans 12:10-21.) We must go about witnessing for Christ in an humble manner. With Christian love and concern manifested in our hearts and lives.

Conclusion

(This could be a time of rededication. Have a large cross in front of the room with only a spot light shining. Have candles set at the base of the cross. When each member of the Society comes forward to make a rededication of his or her life let them light a candle.)

(The following is to be said just before the rededication service.) God's leading is the basis for nearly every action a yielded Christian performs. It is a tragedy not to be guided. It is like a man on a highway with no markers, or an engineer in a cab with no signals, or a pilot with no ground contact, no visibility, and no automatic pilot. These are tragic situations, and they lead to tragic results. An unguided Christian is a tragedy, too. (Read Proverbs 3:5,6.)

Whether we Pray, Give, or Go, or do all three, let God be the guide. Put your life in His hands and He will mold you after His pattern and will mark the right paths for you to walk in.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What can I do now to help make decision for my life work?
2. What should I be doing to prepare myself for this work?
3. What are some projects to help build interest in our missionary program?

Committee Project

If your Church does not have a church library your society might consider starting one. The Church Activity Committee of the society could be in charge of the project. You should get the permission of your church board before starting. There are many individuals in your church who would like to help in the project by supplying the necessary funds to purchase books for the library. Individuals may want to give books in memory of loved ones. A memorial book plate showing the name of the person could be placed in each book.

Check with your sponsor and ministers on the kinds of books to be purchased. Don't forget to purchase some on vocations.

Resource Materials

Each church through its publishing house has a wealth of material available to assist young people in making a decision on a life work. The local church should make such materials available to the young people through its church library.

Here are a few books that will be helpful in this area.

Careers For You, by Erma Paul Ferrari
Christian Youth and Christian Vocation by John Oliver Nelson
Don't Miss Your Calling by Roderick French
Preparing For The Ministry by Charles F. Kemp

Films in the area of vocations include:

Choosing Your Life's Work, produced by Broadman Press
Called to Serve, produced by Family Films
Is This For Me?, produced by Cathedral Films
Vocational Choice: A Partnership, produced by Family Films
No Other Gods, produced by Family Films

Daily Bible Readings

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T. Dec. 11	What?	II Timothy 4:1-5
W. Dec. 12	Where?	Mark 16:15-20
T. Dec. 13	When?	II Corinthians 6:1-10
F. Dec. 14	Why	John 3:14-21
S. Dec. 15	How?	Romans 12:10-21
Sun. Dec. 16—Topic: Personalized Performance		Romans 10:1-15

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The Charted Course

Luke 2:1-20

(Christmas Sunday)

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The average person spends several eks getting ready for Christmas in one y or another. Should the Christian end any less time preparing for the e spiritual observance of this very nificant day? The event which we lebrate on December 25 was the fulment of a long standing promise, and ery observance of Christmas should be great time of spiritual uplift to each as we consider this vital step in the rrying out of God's plan of redemption for mankind. So first, prepare *spiritlly* for this meeting, with much prayer d meditation on the Scripture lesson.

As God's people for centuries anticited the coming of the Messiah, so there ould be anticipation of the celebration that event today among Christians—lebration in the form of worship, felwship and witness as a mark of disction from the world's typical observce.

To create anticipation for the meetg, prepare posters and other announceents early and begin publicizing two three weeks in advance. A poster ight be drawn using as a format a marer's chart or map, with the destinaon *Galatians 4:4, 5,* and points enroute, *enesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:7, iah 42:1, Psalms 2:7 and Micah 5:2,* itten on the poster.

lternate Type of Meeting

While films are sometimes used as an sy out in place of a well planned dission or devotional meeting, a good ristmas film as a basis for teaching d inspiration is suggested as an alnate plan for this meeting. During e showing of the film the leader should alert to points and lessons to be ought out in the discussion that folvs. (A Christmas filmstrip may be ed just as effectively.) Suggested films :

- *The Greatest Gift* (Concordia) 30 minutes
- *Birth of the Saviour* (Living Bible) 15 minutes
- *The Guiding Star* (Family Films) 30 minutes
- *The Christmas Spirit* (Family Films) 30 minutes

(If a film is used it would be well to reserve it at least a month before it is to be shown.)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: Medley of Carols or recorded excerpts from *The Messiah*

Hymn: *O Worship The King*

Announcements

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 (Read responsively) (Or, for fresh meaning, the leader might read the text from the *New English Bible.)*

Special Music

Sentence Prayers: (Encourage many to participate. Suggested requests for prayer: That there be room for Jesus in every heart present; that the old, old story bring new joy and dedication to each one; new opportunities for witnessing during the Christmas season; the witness aboard through our missionaries; Christmas in lands where Christmas must be observed in secret; the pastor, Sunday school teachers and all those who labor in our own church.)

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Presentation and Discussion of Topic

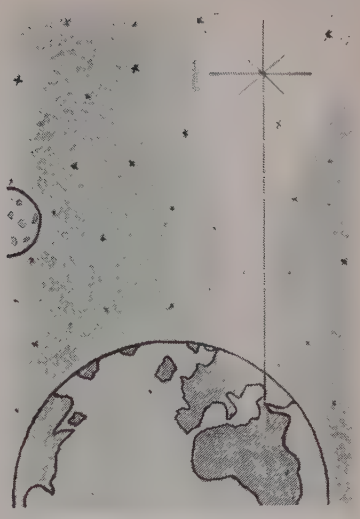
Hymn: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Closing Prayer

Leading Into the Topic

(To the leader: This material is only meant to help you to organize your own thoughts. People listen with much more interest to something that is said from the heart than what is read from a magazine. Plan what you want to say, jot down a few notes as a guide, and then use only the notes to glance at as you speak in the meeting. Encourage others who take part to do the same thing. This will make the meeting seem more spontaneous and will make it more helpful and inspirational to you and to the others present. Pray for the Lord's help and guidance as you and the others participate.)

As we come to another Christmas, we think again of Bethlehem and the manger. But we must remember that for Jesus Christ that was not the beginning. It was only the occasion of His becoming Man that He might fulfil God's plan of redemption for sinful men. (Read Colossians 1:16, 17 and John 1:1-3.) Our topic, *The Charted Course,* suggests



the fact that the coming of Christ into the world had been planned long before, which we know is the case when we study the record in the Bible. During this meeting we shall consider Christmas as one of the climaxes of a marvelous plan by which God was to reconcile men to Himself without compromising His own absolute holiness and righteousness. We shall first look at the high lights of the line of prophecies through the Bible which point to the event that took place in the little suburb of Jerusalem called Bethlehem.

Prophetic High Lights

1. The first mention in Scripture of a coming Redeemer is found in Genesis 3:15. Satan himself, in the form of a serpent, was the first to hear of the coming of Jesus Christ (the seed of the woman) into the world. Though Satan was to bruise His heel, through cruel treatment at the hands of men, Satan's head would in turn be crushed by that heel through Christ's sacrifice for sin on the cross, His resurrection from the dead and His coming return in glory. While Satan seems to have the upper hand in the world today, he knows his ultimate doom—and trembles (see James 2:19).

2. Isaiah, which has been called "the Gospel of the Old Testament," refers a number of times to the coming to earth of the Messiah, the Son of God. Isaiah 7:14 may be called a dual prophecy, made in the immediate sense to faithless Ahaz but ultimately referring to the virgin birth of the coming Redeemer. Judah was to be liberated before the child in the immediate prophecy (presumably a son of Isaiah by a woman who had not previously been married) reached the age when he could distin-

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guish good and evil (verse 16). Men would be liberated from the power of sin when the Son of God, born of a virgin, was offered as God's sacrifice on the cross (see Matthew 1:21).

3. Another clear prophecy of the coming of Christ is found in Isaiah 9:6,7. Many of the attributes of Christ are mentioned in this statement, including the means by which He came, His deity, His kingly qualities, His reign of peace and the eternal existence of His Kingdom. How clearly the course had been charted! Already at least two of these prophecies have been fulfilled (1) Messiah's being born as a babe and (2) the proof of His deity through His miracles, especially His resurrection and ascension. But men today, even as they celebrate their own kind of Christmas, are blind to these great truths.

4. In Micah 5:2 even the location of the Lord's birth is foretold. The extreme unimportance of Bethlehem makes this prophecy all the more amazing, for it is not logical that such an insignificant town would be the scene of the coming to earth of the Messiah, *whose goings forth* had been *from of old, from everlasting.* But the humbleness of Bethlehem was only one of many conditions that added to the humility of Christ's coming. And this is a picture of His humility today as He condescends to come into our sinful hearts and make them new!

The Grand Fulfillment

Galatians 4:4,5 tells in few but wonderful words the meaning of Christmas. God waited until man had learned of his own helplessness before the power of sin, and until the world had reached an extremely low moral state, to send forth His Son from heaven. This was *fulness of time.* The purpose, as seen in verse 5, was to redeem—to buy back—sinful man with the price of His precious Son's own blood. And how thankful we who are redeemed should be that God also sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, by Whom we can now call Him *Father* because we are His adopted sons (see verse 6).

Making Christmas Practical

A very significant word which relates to the coming of Christ into the world is the word *incarnation.* Actually it means the taking on of flesh—of a body—or, in other words, becoming a man. Jesus Christ willingly shed His glory to be born as a human being. In doing this He identified Himself with sinful men. After He had begun His brief ministry on earth He actually kept company with sinners and ate with them. A familiar instance of this is His visit with Zacchaeus (see Luke 19). Zacchaeus was a dishonest, hated tax collector, but as hateful as his sin was, Christ loved the man himself. He saw what Zacchaeus could be with a changed heart, and He realized that to win him to Himself He would need to identify Himself with Zacchaeus—to become his friend. The result was that salvation came to that house that day.

The Uniqueness of Christ's Birth

Though unbelieving men have always tried to claim a normal human birth for Jesus, the fact remains clear from the record in Scripture that He was born without an earthly father (see Matthew 1:18-23). If He had been born naturally He would have been only a man and in no position to die as a sacrifice for the sins of other men.

There is something else which is unique about the birth of Christ. The fact that He willingly left His rightful estate as the Lord of glory to come to earth as a man means that He actually *chose to be born.* No other person had ever been in a position to make such a choice, and no one has ever since. But while men come into this world without any choice of their own, they do have a choice of whether or not they desire to be *born again.* In the light of eternity, being born again—being made new and fit for heaven by the power of God—is far more important than physical birth. Certainly a cause for praise and thanksgiving at Christmas time is that Christ did choose to be born at Bethlehem, that we might have the privilege and joy of being born again by faith in Him. May this be a time of heart-searching this evening, that all of us in this meeting might be certain that we have made the choice of being born again.

Questions for Discussion

1. If the incarnation of Jesus Christ meant the identifying of Himself with sinners—becoming their friend in order to win them to Himself—what lesson does this present to us? Can we follow His example?

2. Is there danger of harm to our own Christian lives if we seek the friendship of non-Christians? How?

3. How can we be sure of remaining faithful to the Lord and still gain the friendship and confidence of those outside of Christ? (See Proverbs 3:5, 6; Colossians 2:6.)

4. What should our motive be always? (See II Corinthians 5:14.)

Program Variation

As this is Christmas Sunday you r want to have a Christmas tree in society meeting room. Try decoratin this way. Using various colored c struction paper cut out ornaments the tree. Decorate the ornaments v "glitter." On the back of the paper or ments place assignments for vari parts of the meeting with a numbe a circle. The number is to tell the dividual when his assignment is to carried out in the meeting. Assignme such as announcing hymns, read Scripture, leading in prayer would pear on the back of each paper or ment.

Make enough ornaments so that e one at the meeting will have one. ornaments should be on the tree bef the meeting begins. As the young peo arrive have them take an ornament fr the tree.

This can add variety to your meet and also give each one present an portunity to take some part in the me ing.

Holiday Projects

1. Have a Christmas party for unc privileged children, either in your co munity or at the county or city c dren's home. Challenge each member sacrifice part of his Christmas bud for one or more gifts for the childr Include appropriate refreshments a have someone tell the Christmas st with special emphasis on why Ch came.

2. Go Christmas caroling to the chu shut-ins. Many hospitals also are glad have groups sing carols for the patie

3. If your church is not planning have a Watch Night service, this mig be considered by the Devotional a Church Activity Committees. If one already planned, the Social Committ might have a fellowship hour prior the service, with returned college st dents as special guests.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 17	The Beginning	Genesis 3:13
T. Dec. 18	Through Abraham	Genesis 12:
W. Dec. 19	In Bethlehem	Micah 5:
T. Dec. 20	His Personality	Isaiah 53:
F. Dec. 21	His Task	Isaiah 53:4
S. Dec. 22	The Course Continues	Isaiah 9:
Sun. Dec. 23	**—Topic: The Charted Course**	**Luke 2:1**

Comments by Mr. Charles O. Heyward, a memb of the staff of the Central Branch Y.M.C. Washington, D.C., and a former Christi Endeavor field secretary

A Strong Finisher

II Timothy 4:1-8

(New Year's Sunday)

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At the top of your poster (or card) u might put ROSE BOWL PREEW, with the Christian Endeavor nogram below it. Next, in the third e, Topic—*A Strong Finisher.* Leader _____At the bottom, *Tickets Necessary. Come, Boost ur Team.* Time _____.

rogram Outline

e-prayer Service
elude: (quiet music)
ll to Worship: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
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the Leader

Since the *Bowl* games are only two ys away, this is going to be a footll meeting. Decorate the room with propriate colors, depending upon ich bowl game you may want to tea-e, and some pennants, either real or per. You might want to arrange your airs in the form of an oval, putting lf of your members on one side and lf on the other. Colored lapel pennts could be used to distinguish the oups. You might dress as a yell leader, ough, of course, no yells should be ren.

lternate Topic Suggestions

Most young people will prefer to folv through the topic as suggested, but there is an objection to using the football idea, work up a topic on making a strong finish in breaking bad habits, controlling the tongue, mastering the temper, forgiving wrongs, returning good for evil, choosing a worthy life work, or accepting Christ.

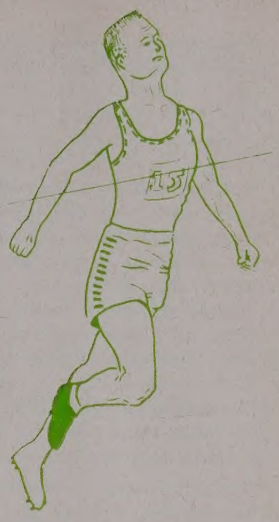
Ask your minister to let you use some of his books of illustrations, which contain helpful stories in connection with the various points mentioned above. Your devotional committee should see to it that sufficient source material is placed in the hands of each one asked to give a talk to make sure that you will have an interesting evening. Not to do so may lead to a dull, uninteresting program, which certainly wouldn't be a strong finish for 1962.

To not make resolutions for the new year wouldn't be a strong finish, so, if you have time, talk about the importance of having goals both for the society and individual lives. Ask the young people to sit in silence for about two minutes (which will seem like a long time), reviewing the year which has gone, and determining what they would like to set before them to accomplish during 1963. At the close, follow the suggestion for the dedication service to be conducted by the minister.

Leader's Talk

This week is going to be a time of excitement, as millions of people watch the Bowl games which will be held all over the country. In those games will be the finest athletes of our land, and they will play their very best in the hope of winning. Some of those games will be glamorous, with surprising scores run up; others will be heart-breakers, with scores so close that only an extra point will win the game. In a rare instance, there may even be a tie, but that seldom happens in Bowl games. When anybody wins, somebody has to lose, and there will be boys who make fumbles, or miss passes, or who didn't play quite hard enough, who will be ashamed to go back and face the home folks who had been so sure of victory.

The apostle Paul would have enjoyed these games. He served quite a while near where the Olympics were held, and made references to the games. He even said that he disciplined his body and kept it under control, lest having saved others, he might himself lose out in the end. He mentioned once the great stadi-



ums where men were required to fight with animals.

Paul was no quitter in the game of life, but faced more hardships than any of us will be likely to face. When he wrote the Scripture which we have read this evening, he had been imprisoned for being a Christian, and but for being a Roman citizen, might have been thrown to the lions. He knew that he would be put to death very shortly, and there is a triumphant ring to his voice when he realizes that he has made good at last, and has come in as a strong finisher. "I have fought a good fight," he said. "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." May all of us be strong finishers in the game of life, and be as happy as Paul when we come to the time of the end.

Two-minute Talks

1. *(Please tell in your own words.)* If a team is going to make a strong finish, as Michigan did when it defeated Southern California 49 to 0 in the Rose Bowl, back in 1948, it has to do a lot of preparing. The boys have to build strong bodies by eating the right food, getting the right amount of sleep, and turning out regularly for the grind of practice. They have to develop endurance, courage and sharp thinking. That is true of us if we are going to make a strong finish in the game of life. Right now we are putting into our lives the qualities which will make for success later on. By the time we are in our twenties, it will be too late to do much changing, for our habits, attitudes and ideals will be strongly fixed.

2. *(Please tell in your own words.)* The team which makes a strong finish

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has to play according to the rules. How many games there are which have been lost simply because of penalties that came as the result of broken rules. What a groan goes up from the crowd when somebody has made an end run and crossed the line, only to have it nullified because there is a flag down, by reason of a player being off side, or some other infraction of the rules. That is even more tragic in the game of life. No man can set up his own rules, or disregard the Bible, and make a strong finish. Some deliberately break the commands of God, and hope to make a deathbed confession, but then it is usually too late; the heart has become too hardened to turn to God.

3. *(Please tell in your own words.)* To be a strong finisher, a team should run up a big score in the first half, and then keep right on. To lead by three touchdowns is a comfortable margin, but games have been lost in the last half even then, because somebody didn't think it was necessary to keep on playing hard. To be a strong finisher in the game of life, we need to develop ourselves spiritually, know the Bible, serve faithfully, and be loyal to the church. To lose a football game may seem terrible, such as when Texas Christian University beat Syracuse in the Cotton Bowl 28 to 27, but to lose the soul is really tragic. We need to build up such habits of life that we will never be untrue to Christ, no matter how long we live.

4. *(Please tell in your own words.)* To be a strong finisher, we must not run in the wrong direction. Every year when the Rose Bowl game comes around, people are reminded of how Roy Riegels, one of California's really good players, got turned around and carried the ball in the wrong direction, to be tackled behind his own goal line by Georgia Tech for a touchdown. His intentions were good, and he thought he was headed in the right direction, but that play lost the game for California. In the game of life, no matter how well we play, if we end up in the devil's territory, or get tackled by him where we shouldn't be, we are lost. At times there may be doubts about the rightness of certain acts. We dare not take a chance. God has said that He will come to our rescue if we turn to Him for guidance, but we have to give Him time to help us. Don't get mixed up and be forced into an immediate decision.

5. *(Please tell in your own words.)* If you are going to be a strong finisher, you've got to be on the team. Some years ago it looked as if it were going to be an all-victorious season for the great Dartmouth team. Game after game it had plowed its way through all comers, and nobody thought Princeton had a chance, but it soon rallied to win 26 to 6. It was during the final moments of the game that Princeton was hammering at the goal for its final touchdown, when just as a play was being called an excited fan ran from the stands and took his place in the Dartmouth line. Fortunately he emerged unhurt, and was hustled off the field, while the crowd roared.

In the game of life, you're going to have to be on the team if your presence counts for anything. You may do a lot of good in the world, but you've got to accept Christ and look to Him as the great Coach if any of your plays are going to score. You may believe in Him, and feel that He is really the Saviour of the world, but you can't sit on the sidelines, while others are battling in the cause of righteousness. Won't you join the team today?

6. *(Please tell in your own words.)* When time runs out the game is over. Last year the football world was stirred by a controversy over an illegal play. Syracuse was leading Notre Dame in the closing seconds of the game. Notre Dame attempted a field goal, but the referee claimed the kicker had been roughed, penalized Syracuse 15 yards, and gave the kicker another chance, although time had run out and the game was over. Syracuse lost 17-15. The NCAA officials ruled that the ref was wrong in giving Notre Dame other chance (the last seconds b used up in the penalizing), and that game was over, and Syracuse had 15-14. Notre Dame refused to accept verdict and continued to claim the ga

When the time runs out for us, the final whistle is blown by the g Timekeeper, the game is over. Ther no second chance after death, and if are going to make a strong finish, going to have to be while we are living. It won't do us any good to a with the Lord on the day of judgm His rules are clear, and His decisio final.

Year-End Projects

What is there in your society that needs to have a strong finish? Do you need to build up your attendance? Did you set financial goals at the beginning of the year which have not been met, or pledges to worthy projects which have not yet been completed? Do you need to sign up more tithers for the Tenth Legion? Do you need to enlist more young people as lifework recruits? Should more of the young people be members of the Quiet Hour group? Call on all of your committees to end the old year in a big way.

Are there some helpful things you can do for others, perhaps around Christmas time? Call for suggestions in the Dec. 2 meeting, to be reported on the following week. This will give you three busy weeks of doing good things which will bring a joy to people, and render a good service.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why are young people not mo interested in spiritual development?

2. What things keep people from ma ing a strong finish?

3. What things contribute to a stron finish in the Christian life?

4. What advice would you give young person who is living worldly?

5. What things impress you most wit the need of making a strong finish?

A Word to Counselors

In almost every group there is some yo person who is a *smart alec.* He is consta trying to get attention, and perhaps admiration, by wisecracks which send group into a gale of laughter, to the p even of disrupting the meeting. Afte little while this can cease to be a r annoyance, and become something wh threatens the success of your organizat

"What can we do with a guy like th you cry out in despair to yourself. Usu such a kid is a likable person, and ha lot of friends in the group. You don't w to be so hardboiled that you drive away, perhaps taking some of his frie with him. Indeed, he may be the very who needs to stay most. On the other ha things just can't go on the way they h any longer. A decision must be made.

If his wisecracks are to impress a tain girl, talk with the girl personally see if you can enlist her help. He is a more likely to behave if she requests than if you do. If this doesn't work, can be reasonably sure that he has a fee of inferiority, and that his wisecracks the only way he has of giving the imp sion that he is really smart. See if can't give him something to do which be satisfying, and truly useful.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 24 The Call to Enter II Timothy 1:
T. Dec. 25 Classification II Timothy 1:1
W. Dec. 26 Obeying the Rules II Timothy 2
T. Dec. 27 A Running Mate II Timothy 2:
F. Dec. 28 Intensive Training II Timothy 2:1
S. Dec. 29 The Opposition II Timothy 3:
Sun. Dec. 30—Topic: A Strong Finisher II Timothy 4:

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs, free-la writer living in Phoenix, Arizona, and the wr of a number of Christian educational books

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

opic Summaries for December

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Bible Study (two topics)

The Book We Read

Psalm 119:105-120; John 5:36-47

od's written Word is given us for guidce, growth, and revelation of His Will. hen we pray, we talk to God; when read, He talks to us. Discuss the difences; compare their values. We read s incomparable Book, but do it inadeately. God has a message in it for each His children. How can we discover it re fully? Plan a systematic Bible dy, either as a group or privately with up conclusions. How best observe le Sunday in the church? Compare hniques of observing the Quiet Hour d of recruiting new comrades for it. hich is better, a casual reading of large rtions or a careful study of fewer pasges? Is the Bible complete as God's al revelation?

The Book That Reads Us

II Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 119:81-104

ther books I read; this Book reads ," said Goethe of the Bible. Truly it netrates searchingly; it incises deeply. one outgrows this Book; it widens d deepens with our years. As our path kens, so our Lamp brightens. We st, however, be willing to be "read." r needs, our weaknesses, our aspirans must be altered by applying His dom and grace. A prescription must followed faithfully for healing. What vents God's Word from doing its greatest work in us? What barriers do we erect? How can we secure the greatest blessing from His Word and guidance? Search the Scriptures; let the Scriptures search you. How is this possible? Discuss the implications.

Opportunities for Service (three topics)

1. "Giving Is Living"

Acts 3:1-11; Colossians 3:12-17

"Go, break to the needy sweet charity's bread, for giving is living, the angel said." Our Father has showered us with blessings, including the limitless privileges of prayer. Such abundance is not to be hoarded, but shared. Why are we motivated to greater sharing or giving at certain seasons? How can we enlarge our horizons of charity? Study together the true definition of the word "charity." Is giving limited to material possessions? What else are we to give, if we would serve in Christ's name? Discuss local opportunities for service. How can we enrich Christian fellowship in the church today? In the community?

2. Service for Others

Acts 2:41-47; Galatians 6:1-10

Service for others has always been one of the foundations of Christian living and of Christian Endeavor practice. For the new days ahead, we may well build more service projects into our programs. To help carry another's burden builds lasting fellowship. To love wisely is also to serve. To lift another into an atmosphere of spiritual aspiration is our greatest contribution. The giver is wonderfully blessed in each. Survey the local field of need. What areas of community life need help? What individuals? What is the best kind of help to give? What are the "return" blessings of serving others? How far should the church itself go in serving practical local needs? Give Scriptures to support the answers. Plan definite projects at once.

3. "I Gave Them Christ"

II Timothy 4:1-8; 2:1-16,22-26

John Wesley's diary records a day's ministry simply thus, "I gave them Christ." No greater service could be rendered, no greater source of timeless fellowship found. Is this the task of the clergy only? How can laymen share in it? The "voice of the pew" is a commanding one and can be mightily used by our Lord. Too few laymen realize the indescribable joy of winning others for Christ, or the greatness of their own responsibility in this mission. Review the many areas of lay service and how best to serve in them. Consider visitation evangelism; Bible teaching; Christian Endeavor, Scout, and similar leadership; and other church duties. How can the layman say, "I gave them Christ"? How great a service for others is prayer?

)pportunities for Service

By Phyllis G. Brown

This time of year seems to motivate a greater giving in ng. With the approach of Christmas, hearts begin to w, melt, or burst with the "milk of human kindness." It's t feeling of kinship—or love for our fellowman—because the Babe in Bethlehem! Because we love Him, we serve n—and we serve Him as we bring others into the knowlge of His love and grace.

While we seem more willing at this season, remembering greatest gift the world has known, yet opportunities for vice are with us the year around. Let's examine some of m.

Take a look within your own church. Is there a Christian deavor society for every age level—Primary, Junior, Junior gh, High School, Young People, and Young Adult? Lack- any one of these, the Adult group has a great opportunity sponsor the organization of a society to give continuous ming. Where a graded program of Christian Endeavor is eady at work in the church, the Adult group might offer services for projects requiring adult leadership such as chers for Bible study classes or speakers on vocations for nger groups.

Much has been said about missions—sending aid to other countries—but how about the "foreign mission on our doorstep"? Adult groups can roll out the welcome mat to their church for foreigners within the community—students at schools or universities, or those in military service or business representatives.

Adult groups can support a youth group in providing transportation to church for foreign students and inviting them home for dinner or cook-outs. Sharing with our neighbors from abroad can have far-reaching results.

Senior citizens also offer an opportunity for service. Lonely people have had their worlds completely changed by a knock on their door—opening to the interest and concern of visitation teams. Adult groups can adopt several senior citizens, taking them to church, out to dinner once a month, or shopping. Those unable to attend may be helped by flowers, food, reading the news, writing letters, running errands, or just "sitting awhile."

Opportunities for Christian witness are legion for an Adult Christian Endeavor group—just start looking and serving!

Christian Endeavor

Christmas GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Mother-of-Pearl Pendant—with gold CE emblem and fine gold chain wi clasp. $4.50

Motto Pin—Style No. 170, rolled gold over sterling silver, enamel inlai with safety catch, CE monogram in center with words "For Christ and t Church" encircling the monogram. $2.00

Monogram Pin—Style No. 22, CE monogram with safety clasp. Silve $1.00; Gold, $2.00

Beanies—red and white or blue and white wool felt with CE emblem. $.

Jacket—zipper front, scarlet, made of water repellent Zelan finishe poplin with CE emblem and motto in white on back of jacket. Blue green jackets also available on special order. Sizes small, medium, a large. $8.50

Sweat Shirt—white with CE emblem and motto on front in red. Comfo able short sleeve style. Sizes small, medium, and large. $4.00

Tie—red durable fabric with CE motto emblem in white. $1.75

Snap-On Bow Tie—"Colonel" (Long John)—red background with wor "Christian Endeavor" and the CE emblem in white. $2.00

Gift Pencil—smartly styled, attractive, fully mechanical pencil with monogram and motto in red and blue ink on white opaque barrel. $.

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